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Horror over roof removal

Memorial Park
workers are irate over
work has been done at
Veteran's Memorial

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER
ALBANY — Workers began
removing a Spanish-style roof
at the Veterans Memorial

building at Memorial Park last week, creating outrage among neighbors who were not told about the project and feel the new shingle roof is unattractive.

The look of the building should be left intact because it's pretty much the only historical building the city has, they said.

"You look at anything else that's public — the police department, civic center, high

schools — they're all new buildings," said Leif Magnuson, who is leading an effort to see the roof restored. "We don't have anything historical, this is it. This is our one gem."

Magnuson rallied neighbors and persuaded Alameda County officials to recreate the building's Spanish-style roof, he said. But he's disappointed that the county

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NEW GROUP

A newly formed Memorial Park neighbors association will likely be meeting with county officials early next week to discuss the Albany Veteran's Memorial building roof project. For more information about the association, call Leif Magnuson at 510-528-7091 or e-mail magnuson@sbcglobal.net.



A TRUCK is loaded with the old Spanish-style clay tiles removed from the Veterans Memorial building in Albany.



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TASTEFUL ALBANY

PEOPLE TURNED OUT to see art and magic, hear music, look at classic cars and, of course, taste the wares of the town's best restaurants along with fine wines at A Taste of Albany. The second annual spring festival was held Sunday, June 1 in Memorial Park. The California Repercussions, conducted by Doug McHaney, played high-energy swing for the crowd, which was estimated to number about 2,000. Among those who attended the festival were Joanna Pallock and her twin boys, Atticus and Koufax.



Plaza garage plan unveiled

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The Planning Commission and a few residents have concerns about the density, traffic impacts and access issues of a new project slated for the southeast corner of El Cerrito Plaza shopping center.

A preliminary design for a new garage, apartments and a child care center on the approximately 3-acre site came before the city's planning commission Wednesday.

"I kind of like the concept but I have some concern over the way the site plan will feel when it's built out," said Commissioner Kathleen McKinley.

The project has not yet been officially filed with the city's planning department.

The proposal, from developer Forest Plaza Partners LLC, includes a four-story garage with about 500 parking spaces, an 80-unit residential complex, a 72-unit assisted-living facility and a child-care center on the first floor.

Both the apartment building and assisted-living facility would be five stories tall. About 100 spaces at the garage would be reserved for people living at the

MEETING

The El Cerrito Design Review Board will look at the preliminary design for the Measure C BART garage at 7:30 p.m. June 18 at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave.

site. Planning commissioners questioned how commuters, firefighters and police would get into the building and garage when the plaza already has traffic-circulation problems.

"I really have a problem with the garage there and the impacts it will have on traffic and businesses in the plaza," said planning commission chair Bea O'Keefe, echoing the comments made by a few members of the public.

Bill Garlock, the managing member of Forest Plaza, defended the project.

"People don't come in all at once," said Garlock. "They come in two, three, four cars at a time, and it's not a problem. ... People will adapt."

Community development director Jill Keimach said the

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Assemblywoman opens district office in El Cerrito

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The city with the dominant Democratic outlook is now home to a state assemblywoman with the same views.

When she's not in Sacramento, Loni Hancock, assemblywoman for the 14th Assembly District, is now headquartered at El Cerrito Plaza. Her office used to be in Berkeley. Her district includes Richmond, El Cerrito, Berkeley, Albany, parts of Oakland, Moraga and Pleasant Hill.

The Berkeley resident wanted a centralized location for her district office.

"I'm hoping it will be a very convenient place for people," said Hancock.

Hancock was elected last November and she's been in office since January, just in time to address the state budget crisis.

The state needs to plug a \$36 billion gap in the general fund before the 2003-'04 budget is passed, Hancock said.

She said it is important to raise taxes and fees that were cut in the mid-1990s so that as many state programs as possible are spared. Taxes, she said, are a way to pool money to pay for things that can't be bought alone, such as roads, hospitals and



FILE PHOTO

Loni Hancock

schools. "Without those things, the state will be in a terrible hope situation," she said. "So my hope is that people will rally around the idea that we need some new revenue."

Hancock's other concerns include education and the environment. She's in favor of "smart growth" and transit villages, which are said to cut down on the use of automobiles, thereby decreasing pollution.

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Circus arriving to stage benefit for Cerrito Theatre

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER
EL CERRITO — During the month of June 13, the public has an opportunity to run the circus — at least for a few hours.

Chimera will perform shows under a big top at Middle School. Half of the sale proceeds will go

to the city's Cerrito Theater restoration fund.

The shows will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 13; at 1:30, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m., Saturday, June 14; and 12:30, 3:30 and 6:30 p.m., Sunday, June 15. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$8 for those 11 to 14 or 65 and older and free for children under 11.

Tickets can be purchased

from the members of the Friends of the Cerrito Theater or at El Cerrito Mitsubishi, 11858 San Pablo Ave., Leena's Cafe, 10833 San Pablo Avenue or Albertson's, 1000 El Cerrito Plaza.

Circus Chimera is considered a cross between Cirque du Soleil and Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, said Chimera CEO Jim Judkins.

A group of performers started it six years ago as a response to what they said was a lack of quality circuses in the country, he said. Performers come from all over the world and include jugglers, motorcycle riders in a "globe of death," acrobats, clowns and more.

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Chamber names framer small business of 2003

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — For 32 years, Glenn has had loyal customers and a sense of satisfaction from her work as the owner of Glenn Custom Framing and Gallery of Art.

Being a part of the community is more than just having a business. She has also volunteered for various organizations, including the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce and the recent cancer research fund-raiser.

For all of those reasons, the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce named her Small-Business Person of the Year for 2003.

In business in El Cerrito for 32 years is a big accomplishment, said Glenn, 55. "We have businesses go in and out all the time and a lot of businesses stay in El Cerrito because it's a good place to live and do business."

She saw her future in framing when she was 17 years old. She went to work at a bank and then got a recommendation from her art teacher. The teacher told her she should look into it at an art supply store.

Glenn started as a customer representative. She got interested in framing and how to do that, in addition to bookkeeping, over the next few years.

At the age of 24, she opened her own frame shop on El Cerrito Avenue.

She had to open the store with hope and obviously it

turned out OK," she said.

Much of her business comes from loyal customers who over the years become friends, Glenn said. She helps them pick out the outer frame (molding) and the inside border (mat).

About 2,000 sample moldings — triangle corners of a frame — cover the walls of her store.

Customers ask her to frame artwork, medals, wedding and birth certificates, or pretty much anything personal and valuable.

"There are no basic rules when it comes to picture framing and everybody has a sense of what they like and what works for them," Glenn said, adding that she also teaches private classes, in which her goal is to get people to trust their intuition about what they like in a frame.

She gets a lot of satisfaction from using her hands to frame the items and finding the perfect molding and mat for her customers. It can sometimes turn into "20 Questions" to find out what people are looking for.

"Once I started working with people and they said 'Thank you, that's nice,' I went with it," Glenn said. "I didn't do it to make money. I did because it spoke to me, you might say, and you can give something back."

In addition to her commitment to her customers, the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce recognized Glenn for her dedication to the community.

She's been a member of the chamber since 1984. Her volunteer work includes helping to build sets and costumes for the El Cerrito High School theater department, occasionally re-upholstering seats for the Con-



KATHLEEN GLENN, owner of Glenn Custom Framing and Gallery of Art, is the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Small-Business Person of the Year for 2003.

tra Costa Civic Theater and framing Hollywood memorabilia for an annual Harding Elementary School fund-raiser.

"If you're in business, you have to give back to the community," Glenn said, sitting in a chair among the prints and

frames at her store. "And I live in the community — I only live six blocks from here."

Glenn Custom Framing and Gallery of Art at 7027 Stockton Ave. can be reached at 510-558-1078.

Berkeley girl receives rare Scouting honor

LAST FRIDAY, AT A special ceremony at Camp Hermis in El Cerrito, 16-year old Brianna Georgi of Berkeley was given the Silver Award, the highest level in Venture Scouting. It's the equivalent of Eagle Scout.

Venture Scouting is a branch of the Boy Scouts for kids 14 to 21, and it's the only one that admits girls. Brianna's "crew" (i.e. troop, Crew 24, is about 50-50 boy/girl).

Brianna is the first Scout of either sex in the history of the Hermis District — from Berkeley to Crockett — to win the Silver Award. She's also the first girl to win in the history of the Mt. Diablo/Silverado Council, which takes in much of Northern California and Nevada.

The day before the big event, Brianna and two fellow Venture Scouts, Marie Bennett and Brandis Monroe, described Brianna's circuitous journey to the Silver Award, and their Scouting experiences.

Brianna started out in the Girl Scouts, joining the Daisies at age 5. She quickly moved up to the Brownies and Girl Scouts, but she hated it.

"We'd go to meetings and sing songs, while the boys were playing soccer and tag," she said. "They'd sit around the campfire, telling scary stories; we'd tell stories about bunnies and flowers."

That's when she dropped out for the first time. But a couple of years later, her mom convinced her to give it another try.

"I hated it even more," she said. "I sold cookies and made lanyards. I even got a merit badge for having my colors done!"

So she dropped out a second time. Then she heard about Venture Scouts and joined up.

"Within a week, I was down at Camp Philmont in New Mexico on a 10-day, 50-mile hike," she said. "I was so relieved. I could stop putting up a front. I could actually be who I was, doing what I want to do."

"Yeah," Brandis said. "We're not just baby-making cookie machines. We're people, too!"

As Venture Scouts, Brianna, Brandis and Marie spend their time camping, hiking, rock climbing, horseback riding — "all the outdoor stuff we love to do," Marie said.



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

The only cloud on the horizon is the grownups. You see, Brianna and her friends are caught in the middle of a political chicken game.

One the one hand, they're under constant pressure from the Boy Scouts of America, which keeps hinting darkly about revoking their charter because they refuse to exclude gays, an attitude the girls find "silly."

"Who cares whether someone's straight or gay?" said Brianna. "All that matters is whether they're a good Scout."

"Homophobia is like racism," Marie said. "How can you say one is wrong and the other isn't?"

On the other hand, they're also under fire from local politically correct types, who are mad at them for having anything to do with BSA at all.

Berkeley denied a branch of the Venture Scouts, Sea Scouts, the customary nonprofit discount on docking fees at the Marina, forcing them to relocate to Richmond. And Brianna was barred from recruiting new Scouts on campus at her own school, Berkeley High.

Undaunted, she organized recruiting meetings at a nearby church, set up an Internet e-tree, staffed a recruiting booth at the Solano Stroll, placed ads in local papers, and buttonholed every one of her friends. Among her first recruits: Brandis and Marie.

The girls find all this political correctness silly, too. "They're just discriminating against the discriminators," Brandis said. "They're becoming what they hate."

So what do they want to be when they grow up? Brianna is going to be a forest ranger. Brandis is going to work for the State Department. And Marie is planning a dual career: hair stylist and auto mechanic.

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Richmond set to be discovered with summer series

MICHELE SEVILLE hopes the Point Richmond Summer Concert Series will bring people from neighboring communities as well as from within the city.

She is a member of the Richmond Music Committee, which will offer a series of concerts on the second Friday of each month from June through September, in the parking lot of the Baltic Restaurant.

Classical styles will be featured, but should be some-thing everyone can enjoy.

The concert will offer barbeque, live music and other amenities.

"Although they dis-approve of the concert, we can sit on the deck with glass in hand and enjoy the view."

Seville's talent is local, meaning from Richmond and surrounding cities. "It's so much really close to here," Seville said.

The second Saturday in June will be a special



CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

music and art event in downtown Point Richmond, which will be closed to autos, but open to pedestrians.

The all-day event features local artists exhibiting their work, in addition to music by a number of groups.

There will also be a raffle, a sale of T-shirts, a production by the Masquers Youth Group and other activities.

Seville, who also is a member of the Richmond Art Commission, talks about the Point Richmond Music Committee. It's just a group of people who love music, she says.

The committee is chaired by Richmond businessman Joe Bagley, and was started last year at the suggestion of City Coun-

cilman Tom Butt. In fact, they meet at Butt's office and his son, Andrew, is on the committee.

Because the concerts are free, the group has approached the business community for support.

The committee listens to CDs and tapes of groups to find the finest and most interesting to present in their concerts. They meet on Wednesdays, and volunteer to do all the work, including making signs, publicity, setting up, etc.

"It's a labor of love," Michele says. Born in Mill Valley, Seville is a seventh-generation Californian.

She discovered Richmond about 13 years ago, and has been devoted to that city ever since. She says she does everything she can to erase the negative impression so many have of Richmond, and to educate the surrounding areas to the city's wonders.

She has volunteered widely, and speaks of the diversity and devotion of Richmond's citizens, and the many talented people who give of their talents in many ways for the community.

She loves the Richmond Art Center, which has been a part of

the Civic Center for many years, and the public art which is so much a part of that community.

Seville, a graduate of the San Francisco Art Institute, worked for the Treasury Department and was active in the schools and in art events in San Francisco.

When she moved to Richmond, she discovered the Mural Project on Carlson Boulevard at Interstate 80. Michele became the project manager, rounded up two mini-grants, and helped organize fund-raising for the project. This led to her joining the Art Commission, and the Art Advisory Committee of the city. She has two children and two grandchildren.

Her love of Richmond and her passion for the arts make her an outstanding citizen.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, please write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is crrgenser@aol.com.

CC&C eyes using Veterans Hall

STAFF REPORT

Nonprofit group Cele-Community & Culture has been using the El Cerrito Hall on the third Sunday of each month from 3 to 10 p.m. to use the time in the hall for the group, and for the community, and for the arts.

The group has discussed ideas for using the space in a way that would bring people about and promote diversity, Ma said in a press release.

The group is performing and potential volunteers to attend a meeting

from 5 to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 15 at the hall to inspect the facility and discuss ways to use it.

The hall has a small stage, seating for about 125 (using folding chairs) and additional rooms for beverage and snack sales. It is not wheelchair accessible.

The hall is at 6401 Stockton St., one block off of San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito, near the El Cerrito Library.

For details about CC&C, online at www.CaCCandC.com or call 510-236-3255. The group will be on vacation for the last half of June, but will check messages periodically. Its e-mail is: CCandC_97@yahoo.com.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Grads deserved better

NEXT WEEK high-school graduation ceremonies will be held in our communities. Bands are practicing "Pomp and Circumstance," seniors are ready to give their gowns experimental twirls and study themselves in the mirror to make sure their mortarboards are sitting at just the right angle. And they're probably toying with the idea of doing something goofy as they walk across the stage to accept their diplomas and a handshake.

Graduates, we salute you. It's an accomplishment to complete high school, whether you go on to a university, community college, the armed services, a job or time off to travel and get reacquainted with that person who's been buried under piles of textbooks and papers for four years.

High school graduation is a milestone, a transition from the kid-you to the adult-you — though most honest adults will tell you they didn't feel grown-up for years afterward.

And most honest adults should do something else: apologize for letting the last few years of your school lives be filled with uncertainty about which classes, teachers and services would next disappear out from under you.

School life is tough enough without having to worry about its very foundations eroding. And that's what's happening.

Many, many parents give their time, attention and money to make up for what's lacking, and they know you appreciate it.

But there's the ever-growing gap between our nation's ideals of public education and the reality of rundown schools and ill-paid teachers.

Over the years, adults have lost the political will to make public education, equal for all, a priority. We adults — parents or not — should ask ourselves what our priorities actually are. We should ask ourselves how much further we can let public schools slide before our country loses the right to be called "great."

It's not a new or radical idea that a high-quality system of public education is essential to a nation that is ruled by the people — not that educators and legislators have always agreed on the best way to do it.

And it wouldn't be a surprise at all if the message you've gotten during your years in school is that the adults who run the world are willing to spend little on you as students but much more should you end up in the military (at least in training and hardware, though not pay or benefits) or in prison.

You're probably feeling joy and relief right now at getting through high school. But during the last few years, many of you also have expressed outrage at the state of the schools.

As you become adults yourselves, take the legitimate outrage you feel now and let it spur you to continued learning.

Learn how your schools, local, state and federal governments work. Demand that those representing you do the job right. Get involved. Know what's going on.

Want to make a difference in the world? Start with where you've just come from.

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IT'S TAKING FINAL EXAMS TIME

WAS IT THE SQUARE ROOT OF THE HIPPOPOTAMUS?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More to Memorial Day

It was gratifying to see the flags flying this Memorial Day and to see the media coverage being given to the many celebrations and to read the editorials written to honor this hallowed day.

While we observe this holiday honoring veterans who gave their lives to preserve our freedoms, all Americans need also to remember those who fought, or are still fighting, for those freedoms and our democratic way of life.

We need to ensure they aren't hassled by our government, as they have been in the past, for circumstances beyond their control; think Agent Orange and the Gulf War Syndromes. We need to ensure "promises made" are truly promises kept; think about the number of VA and regular military hospitals that have been closed without providing an adequate system to provide for the care promised when enlistment contracts or draft orders were signed.

We must support realistic salary levels for our enlisted military personnel so none of them qualify for food stamps, as some do now. We must insist our government spend less on military hardware and more on personnel so none of them have to live in sub-standard housing or worry about how promised medical and family services will be provided.

And last, but not least, we all need to remain vigilant and alert to ensure no agency of our government takes away the freedoms our service men and women have fought and died for; think Attorney General Ashcroft, Congress and the U.S. Patriot Act I and the proposed Patriot Act II.

Al Miller
El Cerrito

Miller is a retired Navy captain.

Keep counselors

I have had two students go through the West Contra Costa school district, one started in 1986 and the current one, who is at El Cerrito High, started in 1993.

I simply can't understand how anyone can compare class-size reduction to guidance counselors as a tried-and-true educational program.

Guidance counselors have been part of California's educational program for many years, while class-size reduction started just six years ago. Between the two programs, people are asking the district to expend nearly \$6 million of the \$12 million reserve.

I am afraid this effort to link the two programs imperils the possibility we might be able to save the counselors in our middle and high schools.

While I think the school board might be able to spend \$2.75 million to save our guidance counselors, I don't think realistically they can spend an additional \$3.1 million to save class-size reduction.

But most importantly, there is no comparison between the two programs in terms of importance to the educational needs of the students.

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Desperate people

Since our country so magnanimously liberated the struggling Iraqi people, we please rescue another third-world nation?

These downtrodden people live under a militaristic government, spends billions on invasions but the poor, the elderly, even children of its citizens have no health care at all, and countless more live on city streets.

The public schools are in the environment is being destroyed, economy is in the gutter.

The leaders of this nation are elected out from under the rug, and routinely lie with impunity, cause there are more firearms than almost anywhere else in the world. Citizens are so frightened that they turn to themselves and buy huge tanks and weapons for protection.

Won't anyone help the desperate people of the United States?

Earthquake deaths

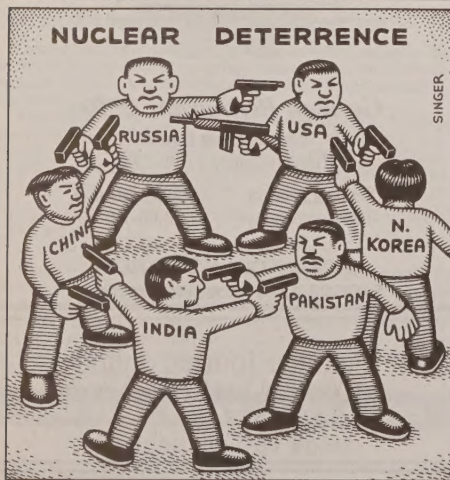
Recent media reports indicate a number of persons died in the earthquake.

Photos accompanying such reports reminded me that earthquakes kill people, buildings do.

Is your building earthquake safe about your house? Earthquake insurance won't keep you alive, but a grade might. I've chosen that path.

George

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COMMENTARY

Wake up, Albany! Big box coming this fall

By Susan Moffat

A RADICAL CHANGE is in store for Albany. If the Planning Commission votes as expected next Tuesday, June 10, a national big-box retailer will plant its sprawling footprint inside our little town for the first time this fall. Target is planning to break ground on a two-story store, garden center and Denny's-style restaurant on the Eastshore Highway (on the east side of the freeway, just west of University Village). At 178,000 square feet, the project is nearly seven times bigger than the Solano Safeway.

Only one Albany resident has raised serious concerns about the Target. So the Planning Commission believes that there is nearly unanimous community support. But I think people just haven't heard about the fast-tracked project yet.

Does Albany really want to become Emeryville? Target could be just the start of a flood of big retailers in Albany.

Solano Avenue has already been affected by competition from the superstores at El Cerrito Plaza. Target will be another blow. But it's not only the direct competition to the garden, toy, clothing, sporting goods, bike, and pet stores on Solano and San Pablo that's an issue. Solano Avenue copy shops, video stores, and restaurants will be hurt as customer traffic is drawn from the center of our town to its edge.

The store will generate well over 8,000 car trips a day. Cars exiting Target will have to do a U-turn on Buchanan in order to get to the freeway. Some cars will probably choose to cut through Albany Hill neighborhoods instead. And things will only get worse at the already nightmarish intersection of Gilman and Eastshore Highway.

Target's location may block pedestrian and bike access to the Eastshore State Park, Albany Beach and the proposed ferry. Great bike/pedestrian paths going east-west through University Village are in the

Does Albany really want to become Emeryville? Target could be just the start of a flood of big retailers in Albany.

works, but Target may stand in the way of a pedestrian bridge that could link these paths to the shore.

The city could use additional sales tax revenues. But after you calculate the cost of major road improvements, increased police, fire and other services, and reduced city revenues from Solano Avenue as businesses lose sales to Target, the net benefits have not been made clear.

Many of us moved to Albany because we thought it was different, a special place, unlike the cookie-cutter sprawl that blankets much of the Bay Area. The citizens who came before us built a close-knit town with

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Susan Moffat is an author, poet and parent. She has been reached at 510-558-3429 or smoffat@sproutmag.com

Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis. Mail submissions to Ann Fields, 1969 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, CA 94611; e-mail to: afields@oaktimes.com or fax to 510-339-4066.

Children

■ The Kensington Library kicks off its **Summer Reading Program** with Dana Smith and his performing Dog Lacey at 7:30 p.m. June 10, at 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Dana has been entertaining since 1974 and is a funny and talented juggler. Details: 510-524-3043.

■ Lawrence Hall of Science presents the exhibit **"Lego Ocean Adventure"**, through Sept. 7. The underwater world comes to life through role play and hands-on activities. Children learn how people eat, sleep, and work while living underwater as well as how scientists explore the ocean depths using unmanned rovers. Children can role play and construct their own Lego creations of underwater vessels and instrument. Hours: daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$8 adults; \$6 youth 5-18, seniors and disabled; \$4 for children 3-4; free under 3. Details: 510-642-5132.

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■ **Children's Social Skills** and Manners workshops are offered in Albany on Saturdays for two hours, 3 to 5 p.m. Each workshop lasts for four weeks. Details: Linda, 527-6202.

■ **Teen Support Group** meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. Details: 531-7551.

■ **Check out books** from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Details: 848-0237.

■ **El Cerrito** offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. Details: Judie, 215-4371.

■ **LBGT Parent** and Prospective Parent groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent child care. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. Details: Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560.

■ **The Ann Martin Children's Center** offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. Details: 524-0821.

Community

■ Berkeley Organizing Congregations for Action (BOCA) will hold a **Community Action meeting** from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. June 8, at the St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, 1640 Addison. The meeting will include community leaders, testimonies by people directly impacted by the cuts, group skits, and a performance by a combined, multi-congregational choir. For more information, call 510-843-2244.

■ **Berkeley Neighborhood Computers**, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All

donations are tax deductible. Details: 845-1226 or e-mail bnc@netvalue.net.

■ **Berkeley Camera Club** meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share slides and prints, learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: 525-3565.

■ **TOPS** (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Chapter CA 1294 meets Thursdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Thursday at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. Details: Betty Coates at 325-0490.

■ **Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. For an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine has a background in design and education. Call 848-6370.

■ **Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the first department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

■ **Berkeley Art Museum**, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Details: 642-0808.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the child-care room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively. Details: 525-5231.

■ **Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for details.

■ **Civil Rights** activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington, P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA., 94701.

■ **"Work Buddies"**, volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

■ **Psychic Healing** clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 800-642-9355.

■ **SMART project**, the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

■ **The Edible Schoolyard**, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335.

■ **English-In-Action** lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour weekly. YWCA, Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

■ **Women's Daytime Drop-in** Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For details call 466-5663.

Exhibits

■ **A.C.C.I. Gallery**, 1652 Shattuck Ave., presents "Midstream," photographs by four Bay Area Artists May 30 through June 21. The exhibition features artists Catherine Adams Stone, Alex Ambrose, Barbara Bobes, and Dafna Kory. Gallery hours: Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun-

day. Closed. For more information, call 510-843-5257.

■ **Celadon Fine Tessa**, 1111 Solano Ave., Albany, presents the exhibit "Verve and Spontaneity: The Art of ChiFu Yu" through June 22. Hours: Wednesday through Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Innovative landscapes and powerful forms, painted in broad, bold brush strokes in the manner of Chinese calligraphy, a true interpretation of Eastern tradition meeting contemporary Western abstraction. A reception takes place at 7:30 p.m., May 28. Details: 510-524-1666.

■ **A New Leaf Gallery**, 1286 Gilman St., hosts the exhibition "Kinesis" through June 1. Artists include Susan Pascal Beran, Zachary Coffin Bella Feldman, Phil Evans, Jeffery Laudenslager, Moto Ohtake, Mark Oldland, John Tyler, and Mark White. Gallery open Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, 10-5 p.m. Details: 510-525-7621 or visit www.sculptureside.com.

■ **UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism**, Center for Photography, presents an exhibit by Mexican photographer Maya Goded, through May 1. Goded, recipient of the W. Eugene Smith Fund Award, is a recent nominee to Magnum Photos. She photographs prostitutes and prostitution in order to "speak about women, inequality, transgression, the body and sex, maternity, childhood and old age, beliefs, love and unloving." A reception and public lecture takes place from 6 to 7 p.m., Jan. 31 in room 105. Details: 510-642-3383.

■ **El Cerrito** presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: \$7:50 residents, \$9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more details call Judie at 215-4371.

Film/dance/stage

■ **Walden School** presents "Oliver's Urban Twist," with a touch of Hip Hop, at 2 p.m. June 7 and 8 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2840 College Ave. The play set in the '70s, offers lots of dancing, singing and laughter. Cost: \$12 available at the door. For more information, visit www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Learn** easy international folk dances, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2 and \$1 for kids. Details: 525-1130.

■ **Family Folkdancing** takes place on the third Sundays, 1-2:30 p.m., at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Details: 632-3713.

■ **Swing Dance Classes!** Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. Details: Michael Marangio at 528-7858.



BANJO-LOGIST GORDIE OHLIGER will appear at the Lawrence Hall of Science on Wednesday, June 25 at 1 p.m. to take audiences on a musical journey of jazz, bluegrass and vaudeville, all played on museum-quality antique instruments. The Lawrence Hall of Science is on Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus, just below Grizzly Peak Boulevard and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is \$8 adults, \$6 youth 5-18, seniors and disabled, \$4 for children 3-4 and free for children under 3, LHS Members and full-time UC Berkeley students. Parking is 75 cents per hour.

Health

■ **Charcot Marie Tooth** support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuro-pathic disorder. Details: 524-3506.

■ **YWCA Health** and Community Education; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Lecture/workshop

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■ **Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center** expanded its collection of contemporary fiction, nonfiction and children's books. Meet the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is open to the public. Hours: 11 and to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Details: 848-0237.

■ **Tai Chi Chuan** and Chi-kung classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation: \$65. To sign up call 268-4995.

■ **The YWCA** offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. 848-6370.

■ **Learn Computer Applications** for the "working" world Using Windows '95 and '98 and Microsoft Office 2000 software, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher. Class offered: Monday-Friday, 2:15-6:15 p.m. Location: Contra Costa County Office of Education, 13925 San

Pablo Ave., Suite No. 111, San Pablo. For information call 237-0840 or visit the Web site at www.ccoec.k12.ca.us/rop.

■ **"What Is Meditation,"** is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Praglio Dove is the facilitator. Details: 644-0861.

■ **Emotions Anonymous:** Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

Literary Events

■ **The California Writers Club Berkeley**, presents the three winners of its 17th annual Fifth Grade Writing Contest at a luncheon from 11:30 to 2 p.m. June 7. Open to the public. For reservations and location, visit the web site at www.berk@earthlink.net or visit www.berkeleywritersclub.org.

■ **Barnes & Noble**, 2352 Shattuck Ave., presents poet **Deborah Day** at 7:30 p.m. June 10. Day, author of "Mindful Messages," uses poetry to educate and debunk standard myths about sexuality, HIV/AIDS and other social issues. For more information, call 510-644-0861.

■ **The El Cerrito Library** hosts local author and therapist **Rose Esther Fox** at 7 p.m. June 10. Fox grew up in Brooklyn during the Depression, a child of Jewish Russian immigrants. The library is at 6510 Stockton Ave. For more information, call 510-526-7512.

■ **Alameda County Library** presents poet **Priscilla Lee** from 7 to 9 p.m. June 5, in the Edith Stone Room, at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. A Drop-in Poetry Writing Workshop, for all ages, takes place from 7 to 9 p.m. June 11, led by Alison Seevak. A drop-in poetry writing workshop for grades 4-8, also led by Alison Seevak, takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. June 14. All three events are free and on-going. Light refreshments will be served.

■ **Poets Wanda Sabir**, Frances Hilliard and **Adam David Miller**, read their works from 7 to 9 p.m. May 30, at the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar. The program also includes improvisational music by Gael Alcock and singers Alex and Harriet Bagwell. The event benefits the Fellowship's Social Justice Committee and legal defense of Mumia Abu-Jamal. Wheelchair accessible. Suggested donation \$5. No one turned away for lack of funds. Details: 510-516-4401.

■ **The Berkeley Public Library's Spring Haiku series** concludes with a literary discussion at 7 p.m. Friday, June 6, in the Central Library's Community Meeting Room, 2090 Kittredge Ave. Three Haiku poets will offer remarks about the art form, its history and its relevance. The speakers are Gabe Winer, creator of the Haiku Wall at Berkeley High School; Gary Gay, president, Haiku Poets of Northern California, and Ry Beville translator of Nakahara Chuya's Poems of the Goat. Details: Alan Bern, Special Services Coordinator, at 510-981-6121. Details: 510-981-6121 (voice) or 510-548-1240 (TTY).

■ **Storytelling for Adults**, a group of storytellers, and listeners, who love to listen to stories, to keep the oral tradition alive, meet from 7 to 8:45 p.m. on the first Thursday each month at the

Clermont Branch, Berkeley Public Library, 1940 Berkeley Ave. For more information, call 8680; or 525-1533.

■ **The Reading Edge** is a public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Alameda Way. Scans printed and made available for anyone who requires it. Users must complete a session before using the Edge; after that, no training session needed. Call at 844-0861.

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■ **"Yom Ha Shoah"** presented by Kofi Hadden, the only Jewish Holocaust survivor, takes place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. April 27, at the Albany Center, 1249 Marin Ave. The program is dedicated to Holocaust survivors, with three speakers. Call 415-507-0170 or 6137, or e-mail kofihadden@comcast.net for more information.

Miscellaneous

■ **Friendship Circle**, a group of older adults, meet 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. The outreach program of Berkeley Jewish Community Center includes day trips, celebrations, these speakers, speaker and more. Maria at 848-0237 for more info.

■ **Improve your spelling** tending Berkeley Toastmasters meetings. Wednesdays each month at Vault's Cafe, 5250 Alameda, 527-2337 for more info.

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■ **Disabled American** meet 25 months on the first Wednesday of the month. The evening hosts dinner and a speaker. The event follows at 8 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall, \$3. Women who have

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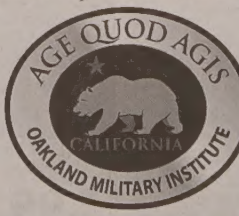
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■ **Joy of Yiddish:** Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Details: 644-6107.

■ **The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club** meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

■ **The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group** meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Details: 204-4503.

■ **Toastmasters on Campus** meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

■ **Public speaking skills and metaphysics** come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

■ **"Voices of Healing"** is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235.

■ **State Health Toastmasters Club** meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

■ **Higher Alignment:** 7 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkreis

Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 415-461-5337; \$20.

■ **Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group** meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous**, a 12-step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). Details: 273-9292.

■ **TOPS:** 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

■ **Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center** and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight way, Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

Music

■ **Baroque Choral Guild presents "A Musical Journey,"** at 7:30 p.m. June 8, at the First Congregational Church, on Dana between Durant and Channing. Six eminent Bay Area composers Doug Bows David Conte, Paul Crabtree, Sanford Dole, Kurt Erickson and Kirke Mecham are featured. A performance takes place also at 8 p.m. June 7, at the First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton in Palo Alto. Preview lectures 30 minutes before each concert. Tickets: \$22 general, \$17 students and seniors. Details: 650-969-4095.

■ **The Trinity Chamber Concerts** continue with pianist Esfr Ross performing June 7, and tubist Tom Heasley performing June 21. Both performances

said Tuck. "It was their one channel of communication."

Added Judkins: "It made you seem important . . . I don't think he (Marcks) made a dime off it but he did it because he wanted to because he loved the circus."

Tuck, who is building a circus and amusement park museum in his office at his business, Lander International, invited performers from all over the world for the tribute.

"It's going to be an amazing day in the history of El Cerrito," he said.

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are at 8 p.m. Ross will perform Mozart, Brahms, Chopin. Heasley will perform "On the Sensations of Tone." Concerts take place at Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St. Donation: \$12 general and \$8 for students, seniors, or handicapped. No one will be turned away for lack funds. Call 510-549-3864 for more information.

■ **The Berkeley High School Jazz Ensemble, Combos, and Lab Band** will perform their final concert at 7 p.m. Friday June 6, at The Little Theater, 1930 Alston Way. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors, students and BHS staff. Ticket office opens at 6:30 p.m. Come and hear this fabulous band before they go off to wow European audiences. For details visit the Web site at www.berkeleyhighjazz.org. 644-6120

■ **Friday Night Folk Dancing:** 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

Outdoors

■ **The UC Berkeley Botanical Garden**, 200 Centennial Drive, Strawberry Canyon, offers a free sick plant clinic on the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon. Dr. Raabe will diagnose. Details: 643-2755.

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■ **East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden** Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

Classes

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■ **Berkeley Community Media**, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Details: 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

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Hair patrol

ANTHONY FUSARO of Albany, in wheelchair, is surrounded by members of the Albany Police Department who attended the "Buzz the Fuzz" fund-raiser at Justin Hermann Plaza on May 16. The group raised more than \$5,000 for the California Law Enforcement's Wish Upon A Star organization and childhood cancer research. Each member of the group also had their heads shaved to show solidarity with children with cancer, like Anthony. In the back row, from left to right is officer Chris Willis, Sgt. Dave Betencourt, reserve officer Dan Bickham, Lt. Mike McQuiston, Officer Steve Foss, and officer Jose Lara. Kneeling is officer Whitney Smith.

Hancock

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She suggested San Pablo Avenue could host such transit villages and be made a "world class boulevard" from Oakland to Richmond.

"It's very hard to have clean air if you don't have options (other than) using a private automobile all the time."

As for education, she wants to increase the per-pupil spending in the state. She's also proposed legislation that would exempt students in second grade from having to take state-mandated testing.

West County School Board member Glen Price said Hancock has taken a strong interest in the West Contra Costa school district. When working for the Clinton administration, she helped get the district funding for after-school programs and to develop community technology centers in the area.

Price said Hancock is exploring legislation that would decrease the interest rates on a loan the district took in 1991 after declaring bankruptcy. The district is paying back \$1.8 million a year on that loan, he said.

"She's made it clear that education is a real priority and in particular our school district is a priority for her and she's done so in action in addition to words," Price said. "She's put her rhetoric into action."

Hancock has had a long career prior to being elected assemblywoman.

She served as President Jimmy Carter's regional director for ACTION, overseeing a host of domestic volunteer programs.

From 1981 to 1987, she was executive director of the Shalan Foundation, where she directed the private foundation's efforts to achieve social justice and environmental balance. She was Berkeley mayor from 1986 to 1994; and a Berkeley City Council member from 1971 to 1979.

From 1994-2001, Hancock headed the Western Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Education. Working with schools, communities, and state and local governments, she helped launch many of President Clinton's education initiatives.

El Cerrito Mayor Mark Friedman said Hancock is an effective yet humble leader. They worked together for five years to pass a sustainable development plan for West Berkeley intended to protect blue-collar jobs while providing a buffer around industry to protect residents from pollution.

The plan was passed unanimously in 1992, Friedman said, by a City Council that seldom agreed.

"I feel like she's extremely dedicated, experienced and a smart woman and worked in so many different levels of government and the non-profit sector," Friedman said. "She's really an asset to the West County community."

Over the years Hancock has also worked closely with members of the El Cerrito Democratic Club.

"Not only is she very accessi-

ble, but she's very passionate, very concerned and very knowledgeable about the community," said El Cerrito attorney Cathy Daly, who reached out to Hancock in an unsuccessful attempt to prevent funding cuts from the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

Hancock is married to Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates, who represented the 14th Assembly District for 20 years.

"It's very exciting representing this district," she said, "but the overarching fact of life in Sacramento is the budget crisis, and that's what we're all working to try and solve."

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Garage

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garage would alleviate parking and traffic problems on the south side of the plaza created by Trader Joe's. BART commuters would use the garage in the morning, and start leaving by the time shoppers wanted to use it in the afternoon and early evening, the plaza's peak business hours.

The proposed garage was one of numerous projects throughout the county promised to voters by the Contra Costa Transit Authority (CCTA) when they passed Measure C in 1988. The CCTA ear-

Roof

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will have to buy back the original tile at an inflated price, which he believes will create delays.

"I think it's a big shame, and I hope there's something we can do to get county to put the tiles back on and buy some to replace the ones already sold or broken," said neighbor Alfredo Botello.

The Veteran's Building was built in 1926 and an addition built in 1932. It's used for veteran group meetings and rented out for weddings, parties and other events.

Alameda County authorized a \$62,000, monthlong project intended to fix water leakage within the building. The project called for workers to tear out the clay tiles, waterseal the roof and replace it with asphalt shingle tiles.

City officials said they didn't know about the project until it started, and that by law, they didn't have to be notified.

Aisha Brown, a legislative aide for Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson, said there was a miscommunication and the county is trying to rectify it.

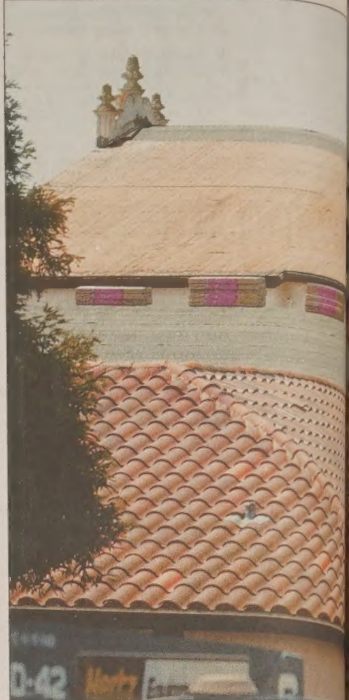
"We probably didn't look deep enough at the aesthetics of the neighborhood," said John Kitching, deputy director of the building maintenance department of Alameda County's General Services Agency. "That's an error we made that we're trying to rectify now."

In response to complaints, county officials say they intend to rebuild the Spanish-style roof, after the current project is completed at the end of June. Replacing it will probably be a two- to four-month process, Kitching said.

The original tiles are already in the hands of a business owner who intends to sell them for three times their original cost, Magnuson said.

He estimated that installing new tiles would cost \$29,000 — versus \$90,000 to buy back the original tiles and to replace the broken ones.

"The county lost \$60,000 here in value," said Magnuson, adding that the increased costs could give the county an excuse to drag its



Tiles have already been removed from the Veteran's Building stacks of shingles in place for installment.

feet on the replacement. "They never consulted with us to start with (or gave) us an opportunity to participate in the decision and now there's a small group of citizens being rushed to figure it out."

Kitching said the county hasn't analyzed the costs yet.

Magnuson said the county has recommended using new tiles because they're cheaper and could be better waterproofed.

But residents felt that using the original tile was the only way to retain the building's historical integrity. Magnuson said all the neighbors to whom he talked felt the same way.

"The tiles represented the essence of (the building's) histor-

ical significance, and its beauty," he felt very very strongly.

The county has been reluctant for its input on the back the original tile. The county made its decision within days, said Kitching.

Alameda County Mayor Aguirre agreed that the county will fix the fit in with the city.

"I feel positive that this will happen," Oakland Mayor Ron Warren said. "It's terrible that this composition is what they're doing to the general architecture bany."

marked \$6.7 million for the project, which will pay for the garage. Forest Plaza Partners LLC will fund the rest of the project.

After the project is built, the city will have an easement for the 400 BART parking spaces.

Mayor Pro Tem Letitia Moore pointed out that the meeting was intended to create a list of concerns before an environmental report and a traffic study are completed. "This meeting isn't for coming up with a solution," said Moore. "Hopefully we can come up with a list of issues that must be resolved and questions to be answered before it comes back to you (the commission)."

Chamber of Commerce manager Sewall Ginternick pointed out that only a handful of residents came out for the meeting. He wanted the city to get more public input before moving forward.

"If you think there's no feeling among the public for the project,

you're wrong," he said. "The commission will hold a similar future."

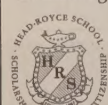
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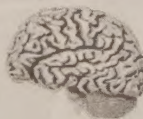


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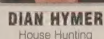
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WITHIN WEEKS OF THE 1991 FIRESTORM, the owners of 5416 Golden Gate Avenue, Oakland, called the builder who had remodeled the kitchen that lay in ashes. Swan Building of Berkeley, architect Andrea Walhof and interior designer Cheryl Crane set out to replicate the original house, but the instead created a house similar in layout and sensibility to the traditional Rockridge style but modern in its use of wood, light and space. Archways, maple floors with inlaid walnut strips, walnut mantle and staircase, and custom-stained Douglas fir interior doors and cabinets have been used, contributing to an atmosphere with plenty of natural light. Skylights and window mullions feature prominently in the design. Extensive windows and French doors to the patio make the kitchen seem to extend into the garden. Although the rooms vary little from those in the original house, the high ceilings make them appear much larger. A special place is the loft in the upstairs study. Notable features include a fireplace made of Mexican stone, brass hardware, Italian-style terrazzo tiles on kitchen floor, and coffee bar in master bedroom with refrigerator and sink. The owners bought the lot next door and installed a basketball court and croquet lawn. There are also a waterfall and fishpond, vintage roses and decorative and fruit-bearing trees. In both the light-filled interiors and the vividly landscaped yard, sunshine and the promise of renewal predominate. Price: \$1,399,000. Open, Sunday, June 8 from 1 - 5 p.m.

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Home prices soar nationwide

BY ANDREA COOMBS

CBS MARKETWATCH

Median home prices continued their upward push in most metro areas in the first quarter, but the overall gain is expected to be lower this year than last, according to the National Association of Realtors (NAR).

Thirty-one of 117 markets saw double-digit increases in the first quarter compared to the year-ago period. Those markets are the highest fliers, but fully 72 metro areas saw above-average price increases, gaining at a rate of at least 2 points above inflation.

The national median existing-home price rose 7 percent to \$161,500 in the first quarter, compared to \$151,000 in the first quarter a year ago. But the first quarter's rise is a drop from the fourth quarter of 2002, when prices rose 8.4 percent.

The median home price for the year is expected to rise 5.1 percent, a slight fall-off from last year's jump of 7.1 percent, according to NAR. Still, this year's gain is still far above normal, which is generally considered to be one or two percentage points above inflation.

"When you consider the fact that (inflation) is probably going to come in at 2.6 percent, a 5.1 percent rise in home prices is above historic norms," said Walter Molony, a spokesman with NAR. The more-moderate growth rate is good news for the housing market overall, he said. "We've had an overheated market with far more buyers than sellers. That's resulted in a bidding up of prices," Molony said.

"Anything that improves the equilibrium between buyers and sellers is healthier in the long run. You don't like to see double-digit prices continuing for a long period of time. In effect, you're borrowing from future appreciation because you start to affect housing affordability," he said. When buyers can't afford homes, sellers can't sell, and prices can drop.

"But that's not in the cards," Molony was quick to point out. Interest rates play a major role in affordability, and the NAR projects rates to remain low, at 6.3 percent for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage

In the West, the median existing-home price rose 8 percent this quarter compared to last year to \$217,200. The Sacramento area trounced the rest of the region, with a 25.3 percent rise to \$230,000.

In the fourth quarter, rising to 6.6 percent in 2004.

"That's still very good. We don't see anything really negatively affecting housing affordability going forward," he said.

Price gains were greatest in the Philadelphia metro area, where median home prices in the first quarter jumped 25.7 percent to \$153,400, and Providence, R.I., which also rose 25.7 percent to \$213,200.

Next highest was the gain in Florida's Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay area, where prices rose 25.4 percent to \$124,900.

The Northeast region saw the strongest gain, with the cost of the median-priced home rising to \$178,500, a 16.7 percent jump from the year-ago quarter.

Trenton, N.J., where the median home was up 24 percent to \$191,700, and Monmouth-Ocean, N.J., up 23.4 percent to \$270,400 were the biggest gainers after Philadelphia and Providence.

Next was the New Haven-Meriden, Conn., area with a median price of \$211,400, up 21.8 percent, and Bergen-Passaic, N.J., at \$358,300, up 21.1 percent.

Five other Northeastern metro areas also saw double-digit jumps, including Atlantic City, N.J., Nassau-Suffolk, N.Y., Portland, Maine, the New York City area, and Hartford, Conn.

In the West, the median existing-home price rose 8 percent

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THE LEIMERT BRIDGE SPANS SAUSAL CREEK. In 1926, the bridge opened the area across the creek for development and the creation of Walter Leimert's Oakmore Highlands. Most of the area toward the hills remains undeveloped in this photo.

Oakmore Highlands: An Oakland jewel

Oakland's Oakmore Highlands district is one of the most picturesque and prized in the city. Although various streets are commonly referred to as being in "Oakmore," this neighborhood has specific boundaries and a distinctive history.

Oakmore history

In the 1920s, on the heels of its successful Lakeshore Highlands development, the Walter H. Leimert Company created Oakmore Highlands. Comparing its location to "Fifth Avenue in New York; State Street, Chicago; Market Street, San Francisco," and others, the company, lead at the time by Walter's son Harry, stressed the "high-class, conveniently accessible, popularly priced homesites." Prices in this "new residential park" began at \$2,000.

In 1926, to make the area reachable, Leimert had the "150,000 concrete and steel" Sausal Creek Arch Bridge built as

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The opening sale advertisement, dated October 17, 1926, called Oakmore Highlands the company's "crowning achievement." A bird's-eye map points to

the 1,000 acres and "75 million in value" of previous Leimert projects in Piedmont and Lakeshore Highlands. Further, the ad states how all Lakeshore lots had been sold and their values had "increased over our original prices from 100 to 300 percent."

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Oakmore Highlands was developed in sections and, according to a 1935 Oakland Tribune story, new areas were offered only after "adjoining sections had become well-established."

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construction, they will continue to support mortgage originations and fuel the refinance boom. We estimate that mortgage originations in 2002 hit \$2.51 trillion. Our forecast for very low interest rates makes us believe that originations for 2003 will increase further to \$2.71 trillion, about \$200 billion more than our previous estimate. Refis should be around 60 percent of originations this year.

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A February, 1935 Oakland Tribune article indicated that "the first 20-year home loan granted in Northern California under the Federal Housing Act went to Mr. and Mrs. Alva Starr for construction of their home on Oakview Drive." Starr was principal of the Glenview school.

A November 1935, Oakland Tribune stated that the average cost of an Oakmore Highlands home was "just under \$9000." Prices ranged from \$6,850 to \$30,000.

Over the years, the area has become known for a range of styles; among them Mediterranean, Tudor, Monterey Colonial, Rustic and Moderne.

In 1926, the Oakmore Homes Association was established "for the general benefit of the tract." It is one of the oldest homeowners' associations in Oakland. OHA can be reached at 510-530-4719; e-mail oakmorehomes@yahoo.com.

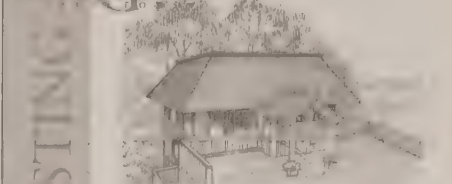
According to its mission statement, it is "committed to promoting and enhancing safety, beautification, community and property values." The association is a great asset to its members and continues to be an invaluable resource to the city of Oakland.

Final thoughts: When envisioning our lovely city, many possible pictures can be conjured. Without a doubt, the Oakmore Highlands is one of Oakland's jewels.

My thanks to the Oakmore Homes Association, especially Cindy Haines and Terry Kulka, for generously sharing their historical materials.

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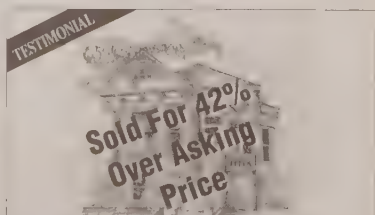
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The bathroom and the shower are original to the house, so they're about 50 years old. Some of the ceramic tiles in the shower are cracked across their faces, and all of the grout had become dingy, blackened in places, pitted in others.

When my husband and I bought my house a dozen years ago, the floor outside this shower was soft with rot. We suspected that the shower pan was leaking, but we did not have the time and money to replace it then so we tried a stopgap measure.

First making sure the shower was clean and completely dry, my husband caulked the corners and bottom edges, then applied several coats of clear waterproofing liquid to all of the surfaces. After that, no water leaked onto the floor outside the shower. We replaced the subfloor and had new vinyl laid on top. It has lasted very well.

We intended to redo the whole bathroom, tear out the tile in the shower and elsewhere in the room and replace it with something else. But we never did.

It's the main bathroom. No one wanted to do without that shower, and replacing the tile would be expensive and time consuming. And — you know how it is — decisions of color and material and workmen would have to be made, a large endeavor.

Plus, I was surprised to find that over the years, I had grown fond of the overall 1950s look of the room with its creamy colored tile. I didn't want to change the room but I did want it to look less shoddy.

I had the old shower glass door replaced because it was ugly and was not safety glass. I found a company that does such things and, a few years ago they came to put in a clear glass door fitted in an aluminum frame. It looks nice but inevitably, soap scum clouds it. And, through constant use, the shower tile gets dirty with mildew appearing, especially on the caulk.

A couple of years ago, I did ask a grout restorer to come look at my tile and tell me if it could be renewed. I don't remember who I called, but I do know what the man said: No.

After that, I stepped up my efforts to clean the caulk, grout and tile and to get rid of the mildew. I tried various things before finding that straight bleach makes everything very white. The fumes cause near asphyxiation, but I used it anyway, and it worked.

The glass door was another story. Once water drop marks appeared on it, they stayed along with streaks of soap and shampoo. Nothing I've tried has removed them.

Ah, but then Clemente entered my life through one of our recent listings. It's a big house with an oversized tiled shower stall (almost like a small room) which the owner wanted to spruce up. From the phone book, he chose the Grout Doctor in Oakland and Charles, the owner of the company arrived, made a bid, and was hired.

Clemente was the young man sent to do the regrouting. Clemente, it was soon apparent, is quite the perfectionist. He honed in on every one of the many grout lines spending a whole day cleaning them out individually. Then he spread new grout and applied a sealer over all.

I had been waiting to see how well the regrouting was done at our client's house, and I ran over

I'm here to shout praises of Clemente. He's good, and he told me that he's always been particular about his work.

to see. That shower looked brand new. Which is how I came to call the Grout Doctor and request that Clemente come immediately to my house.

I am so glad that I did. Clemente was at my house for 8 hours working on my shower. In addition to reworking the grout between the tiles, he removed and replaced all of the caulk around the inside corners and on the outside lip of the shower.

He also gave me new information. Clemente says that silicon caulk, which my husband had used, is the wrong material. For one thing, it is very difficult to remove. We should have used latex caulk that is siliconized, but is not

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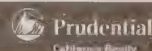
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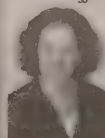


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The Building Education Center in Berkeley provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the experienced and those new to remodeling and renovation. There are evening classes on weekdays and daytime classes on the weekends. For information on classes and costs call the center. Contact Sydney at 510-525-7610 or visit the Web site at bldgeduct.org.

Families

The City of Oakland presents a Multi-lingual Homeownership Fair. The Fair is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, June 14, in front of Oakland City Hall. Meet with lenders, Realtors, non-profit organizations and local government housing agencies. Valuable home buying information will be provided in Chinese, English Spanish and Vietnamese. The fair features live music, children's activities,

food and raffle prizes. Workshop information is offered at 510-637-0240.

Homes for the homeless

Melissa Harris of Common Interest Realty presents "Turning The Homeless Into Homeowners," an informational real estate clinic. The clinic will counsel low income and homeless individuals and families on how to become homeowners. The clinic will be held tomorrow and seating is limited and reservations are a must. For registration information call 510-780-8542.

Smart Solutions

If you are ready for smart financial solutions to home buying, "The Home Buying Solutions Seminar" is the right choice. The class is Saturday, June 14 at the San Leandro Main Library. For information on the next class, call Presenter Margie Lupo of Vintage Mortgage at 888-629-0077 ext. 8610.

Lake Walk-Around

The Fund-raising Task Force of the Oakland Association of Realtors hosts a community walk around the lake. Planned for Saturday, June 28 at Oakland's Lake Merritt, the Walk-Around supports the Oral Lee Brown Foundation. Funds raised will contribute to the college education of 80 inner-city grammar and high school chil-

dren. Committee Chairperson Lois Harris of Prudential California Realty expects to exceed last year's contribution of \$30,000. Advanced registration is encouraged. Call Judith Boren of OAR at 510-836-3003.

House Beautiful

Every house can be beautiful. BerkeleyHome Real Estate wants to help you make yours even more beautiful. On alternate Saturdays through August, a speaker series is offered. Home design professionals will discuss their work and answer questions. Angellese Karol is the presenter Saturday, June 14. Karol discusses transforming your home with color. To RSVP, call Catherine Stern of BerkeleyHome Real Estate at 510-524-5406.

PRUDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL

The Prudential California Realty Education Foundation announced the winners of its 2003 grants. The foundation awards the dedication of public school teachers. A total of 65 public

school teachers from the Bay Area received grants. Among the 65 winners, 10 are from Oakland and Berkeley. The money came from the personal donations of Prudential agents and owners.

CB GOES PLATINUM

Cendant Mobility Broker Services announced that Coldwell Banker in Northern California, the region's largest real estate firm was inducted into the network's 2003 Platinum Club. Coldwell Banker has 64 office locations throughout Northern California. For more information visit www.californiamoves.com.

INTERNET PROFESSIONALS

The National Association of Realtors offers e-PRO, a real estate industry technology certification program for real estate professionals. The e-PRO course was designed by realtors for realtors. The course is presented entirely online and certifies real estate agents and brokers as Internet Professionals. Realtors

are able to complete at their own pace. Invested in learning more, speaker Saul Kline, Jr. to e-PRO. The course is offered Friday, June 6. Oakland Association of Realtors Call 510-836-3000.

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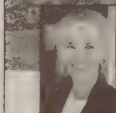
New Oakland Hills Listing

30 Hiller Drive, Oakland

OPEN SUNDAY JUNE 8, 1-4 PM

Airy, elegant, one - level living with bay views. Gourmet kitchen, family room, office, private patio and pool. 2 Bedroom, 2 Baths.

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New Listing!

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41 La Noria ~ Orinda

Orinda Country Club Hacienda built in 1938 and brilliantly remodeled in 2000. Gated and u-shaped with delightful courtyard, five bedrooms, four bathrooms, gourmet kitchen, media room, gallery and gym. \$2,150,000

Montclair

OPEN SUNDAY • JUNE 8 • 2-5PM

53 Villanova Lane, Oakland



Sharp three story home with city light views. Decking with a large level back yard. Bonus room and au-pair set-up. Newer carpet throughout. Vaulted ceilings and great floor plan!

Offered at \$775,000



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EL CERRITO - 770 Pomona Ave. \$399,000
A peaceful spot in the midst of convenient city living. This wonderful 3 bedroom, 1 bath home is set way back off the street on a large 8,688 sq. ft. lot for maximum quiet and privacy. A bit of a view from the front deck. Hardwood floors throughout. Many upgrades. Spacious basement.
Open Sun. 2-4
Alice McLeish



BERKELEY. 690 Colusa Ave. \$650,000
A Perfect Fit! Gracious, yet unusual 1925 Thousand Oaks home specially designed for a unique lot. French doors open from two wings onto patio. Excellent for entertaining with large, elegant formal living and dining rooms. Many built ins. Walk to Solano Ave.
Open Sun. 2-4
Todd Hodson



RICHMOND. 649 32nd St. \$359,000
DELIGHTFUL MEDITERRANEAN BUNGALOW. Beautiful, expansive and charming North & East bungalow with sunken living room, large dining room, remodeled kitchen, 2 bedrooms, and a large garage used as a studio, office or workshop.
Open Sun. 2-4
Juliana Wynberg



KENSINGTON. 5 Highland Blvd. \$649,000
Immaculate, sunny 3+ bedrooms, 3 bath home with panoramic Bay and City views! Family room, large quarter lot. Near public transportation. Kensington Village and the highly regarded Hilltop School.
Open Sun. 2-5
Alice & Anita Wilson



BERKELEY. 1727-29 Delaware St. \$629,000
THREE UNITS! Lovely 2 bedroom, 2 bath home plus detached duplex with 2 bedroom unit & studio. House & 2 bedroom unit are vacant.

Open Sun. 2-4:30
David Ratsoos



RICHMOND N&E. 3820 Clinton Ave. \$379,000
In the heart of North & East, this 3 bed, 2 bath home features a terrific open floor plan. The beautifully updated tile kitchen, remodeled bath, new windows, and nicely landscaped gardens all make this well maintained home a fabulous buy.
Open Sun. 2-4
Todd Hodson



EL CERRITO. 1116 Navellier St. \$429,000
COMPACT MID-CENTURY CHARMER. Well maintained & upgraded 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Fireplace, hardwood floors, lovely small yard. 2 car attached garage. Great area.

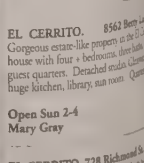
Open Sun. 2-4
Juliana Wynberg



RICHMOND. 6111 Burlingame Ave. \$320,000
Nifty, smaller 2 bedroom home beautifully maintained throughout in lifetime. Gorgeous hardwood floors, roomy, sunny kitchen, nice back fireplace in the living room. One and a half blocks from San Pablo Avenue and shops.
Open Sun. 2-4
Joan Underwood



EL CERRITO. 1720 Julian Ct. \$429,000
Dramatic contemporary home with panoramic views from nearly every room. Open floor plan, extensive decks, secluded, private, peaceful setting. Spacious living and dining room with fireplace, wet bar, opens to patio and garden.
Open Sun. 2-4
Todd Hodson



EL CERRITO. 8562 Berry Ln. \$650,000
Spacious, split-level 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with four + bedrooms, three full bathrooms, guest quarters. Detached studio kitchen, huge kitchen, library, sun room. Quiet neighborhood.
Open Sun. 2-4
Mary Gray

EL CERRITO. 728 Richmond St. \$320,000
Spacious, split-level 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with four + bedrooms, three full bathrooms, guest quarters. Detached studio kitchen, huge kitchen, library, sun room. Quiet neighborhood.
Open Sun. 2-4
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4007 Maybelle Ave. \$437,000
Beautifully remodeled three bedroom bungalow on a nice cul-de-sac in the Laurel district.



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3 unit Edwardian beauty. Great investment opportunity. 2 units remodeled with refinished hardwood floors, updated kitchens and bath. Potential for roof deck with downtown and Bay Views.
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Telegraph Hill
Dramatic two-level penthouse plus 2 income units with significant remodeling and updates. Each unit with private balcony with panoramic views from Coit Tower and north and east Bay.
\$1,599,000

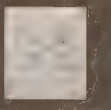
Web Hill
Enjoy sweeping panoramic City to Bay views from this recently remodeled, spacious one bedroom plus den condominium, which features one and a half bath and parking in a security building just steps from the cable car stop at Grace Cathedral.
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5132 ALLEN AVE \$1,325,000
New listing! Over 4100 sq. ft. large home w/ formal dining room, 3+ bedrooms, 2 master bedrooms, 3.5 baths, family room, 2 fireplaces, beautiful random plank floors, level backyard, 2-car att garage, 2 zone heating & air conditioning. Call 531-7000 x242

OPEN 2-4:30

4826 ALLENDALE \$495,000
Maxwell Park. Fabulous 3+BR, 1+BA Tudor w/architectural details & tons of charm, living rm, w/vaulted ceiling, lg. updated kitchen & breakfast rm, large bdrms. on 2 floors, huge basement w/ bonus rms. 2-car attached garage. Great street! Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228

OPEN 2-4:30

6953 SIMSON Hillmont. Attention fixer-upper shoppers! Lots of potential here. On 17,000+ sq. ft. lot w/South bay view. Level in w/living rm w/fp/c, kitchen nook, 3bd, 2ba, deck, lower level laundry and family rm. Pest, roof, home inspection reports avail. Priced below comparable sales. Frank Henner 531-7000 x235

COMING SOON

West Oakland. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, West Oakland Victorian jewel! 3 years ago, this girl had a new foundation, new plumbing and new electrical service installed. She also underwent a kitchen and bath remodel. She has gorgeous original wooden floors and high ceilings, as well as spacious backyard, and as an added bonus, a full basement for expansion, art studio, huge office, or whatever your dreams may be! More to be revealed soon. Elizabeth Sky 531-7000 x233

BY APPOINTMENT

VICTORIAN DUPLEX-OAKLAND/EMERYVILLE BORDER \$369,000
Oakland/Emeryville border. Bright 3 bedroom, 1 bath units with high ceilings. Fresh paint inside and out. Updated kitchens. New carpets. New roof. Large level backyard. Close to Emeryville's Powell Street Plaza. Claire Sytek 531-7000 x274

LAND

CLAREMONT HILLS VIEW LOT HUGE PRICE REDUCTION \$399,000
Come by and see this beautiful property. Build your dream home looking out over the canyon to the city light & Bay view. Heidi Kearsley 531-7000 x295

OPEN 2-4:30

3554 66th AVENUE \$329,000
Millmont. Charming 2 bedroom in Millmont, split-level floor plan, living room w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace, hdwd. flrs., sunny updated kitchen & breakfast rm., large level inviting yard w/many fruit trees, attached garage w/interior access. Nicolette Bat 531-7000 x281

BY APPOINTMENT

COMMERCIAL STORE FRONT PLUS \$725,000
International Blvd. 4 residential units. 2 commercial spaces w/1 grocery and 1 owner occupied. Four 1bd apartments upstairs. x600 amp electrical service. Newer foundation and roof. Needs minor cosmetic work to front facade. 3 parking spaces to rear. Call for street. Frank Henner 531-7000 x235

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IMMACULATE HILLER TOWNHOME \$739,000
Hiller Highlands. ...with knock-your-socks-off views! Newly renovated three bedrooms, two and one half-bath home with eat-in kitchen, formal dining room and office space. Backs up to greenbelt. Mary Neuberger 531-7000 x251

OPEN 2-4:30

3149 CURRAN AVE \$299,500
Fruitvale. Adorable bright & open 2 bedroom, 1 bath home, beautiful random plank floors, cute private yard, front porch, fireplace. This one has it all! Heidi Kearsley 531-7000 x295

OPEN 2-4:30

427 LAGUNITAS # 101 \$225,000
Adams Point. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, bright & sunny upgraded condo unit, freshly paint & new carpet. Turn this unit into move-in condition. Prime location on a quiet cul-de-sac. Patsy Butler 531-7000 x238

OPEN 2-4:30

2907 MONTICELLO \$365,000
Maxwell Park. Spacious 3 bedroom fixer in Maxwell Park! Hardwood floors, updated tile kitchen, living room w/S. Bay view & elegant stone fireplace, attached garage w/interior access, fabulous large yard! Jay Brydson 531-7000 x218

OPEN 2-4:30

2190 GLEN RD \$839,000
Luxury contemporary home with custom marble floors, kitchen & bath counter tops. Totally new! Great huge master suite & lovely private landscaped garden. Must see inside. Call 531-7000 x238

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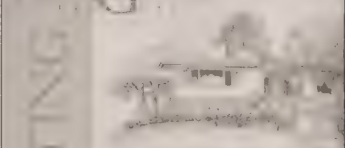
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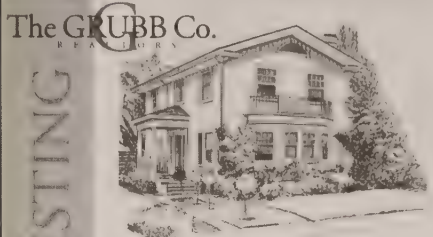
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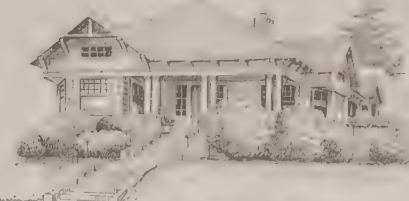
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MONTCLAIR \$879,500

4066 Oakmore Rd. English Tudor style with gorgeous
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gleaming hardwood floors, formal dining room. Three
bedrooms, two baths. Walk out from master bedroom to
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NORTH BERKELEY \$2,500,000

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200 Lakeside Dr. #802. This top floor two bedroom, two
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every room. The Beaux-Arts architectural detailing and
massive fireplace compliment the interiors. The kitchen is
newly renovated with granite counters, cherry cabinets,
stainless steel appliances and halogen lighting. Shown by
appointment. TOM ERWIN



BALA GLENVIEW \$319,000

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house with granite counter, bright & sunny cottage featuring
walk-in closets, granite counters, hwd floors, formal dining & a
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THOUSAND OAKS/BERKELEY \$565,000

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MONTCLAIR \$579,000

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405 Haight Av - \$442,000
1130 High St - \$545,000
1130 Otis Dr - \$497,000
137 Parfait Ln - \$479,000
632 Pond Isle - \$850,000
1712 San Jose Av - \$620,000
1255 Sherman St - \$910,000
955 Shorepoint Ct - \$280,000
1033 Verdemar Dr - \$355,000
1514 Willow St - \$500,000

ALBANY

728 Cornell Av - \$388,000
806 Curtis St - \$545,000
555 Pierce 1200 - \$307,500
555 Pierce 1305 - \$326,000
649 San Gabriel Av - \$415,000
791 Taft B - \$417,000

BERKELEY

2418 7th St - \$330,000
6 Arcade Av - \$596,500
2714 Benvenue - \$662,000
2051 Berryman 4 - \$498,000
2420 Bonar St - \$371,000
1229 Cedar St - \$285,000
1237 Cedar St - \$370,000
1595 Euclid Av - \$441,000
2642 Fulton St - \$457,500
1919 Hopkins St - \$655,000
1603 Portland Av - \$567,000
2725 Prince St #6 - \$375,000
2725 Prince St #9 - \$318,000
2806 Prince St - \$885,000
55 Rock Ln - \$745,000
1654 San Pablo A - \$199,000
2615 Telegraph 403 - \$405,000
2656 Virginia St - \$638,000
1428 Ward St - \$345,000

EL CERRITO

709 Albemarle St - \$520,000
5709 Alta Punta Av - \$385,000
2310 Edith St - \$580,000
412 Seaview Dr - \$641,500
2240 Talmpais Av - \$575,000

EL SOBRANTE

548 Chabre Ct - \$285,000
935 Idlewood Cr - \$345,000
5750 Olinda Rd - \$385,000

EMERYVILLE

1200 65th 230 - \$419,000
2 Admiral B387 - \$285,000
6363 Christie 1515 - \$332,000
6 Commodore C334 - \$425,000
5514 Doyle 11 - \$300,000
54 Emery Bay Dr - \$232,000

KENSINGTON

35 Franciscan Wy - \$525,000
32 Highgate Rd - \$650,000

OAKLAND

1287 104th Av - \$295,000
1173 16th St - \$240,000
881 21st St - \$310,000
2205 23rd Av - \$289,000
1935 24th Av - \$290,000
2004 25th Av - \$200,000
670 27th St - \$220,000
1850 28th Av - \$260,000
371 30th 101 - \$235,000
371 30th 305 - \$305,000
462 37th St - \$254,000
3990 39th Av - \$189,000
1515 40th Av - \$210,000
2049 41st Av - \$455,000
988 42nd St - \$335,000
457 45th St - \$350,000
536 45th St - \$499,500
1342 51st Av - \$249,000
1054 53rd St - \$260,000
1312 54th Av - \$255,500
649 65th St - \$525,000
1541 6th Av - \$122,000
953 70th Av - \$200,000
1440 74th Av - \$265,000
1924 84th Av - \$260,000
1707 86th Av - \$224,000
1070 Alcatraz - \$175,000
647 Alcatraz Av - \$500,000
1405 Allman St - \$519,000
3736 Ardley Av - \$602,000
8458 Aster Av - \$395,000
2314 Ausean Av - \$223,000
4015 Bayo St - \$525,000
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320 Caldecott 328 - \$390,000
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2480 Casa Ct - \$235,000
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2061 Church St - \$190,000
5754 Colton Bl - \$620,000
9280 Coral Rd - \$195,000
2339 Davenport - \$319,500
4718 Dashwood Av - \$420,000
131 Duncan Wy - \$752,000
2028 East 22nd St - \$100,000
725 East 22nd St - \$405,000
3927 Edgemoor Pl - \$348,000
6069 Fairlane Dr - \$1,085,000
988 Franklin 602 - \$388,000
2875 Glascock 100 - \$520,000
101 Gleneden Av - \$600,000
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1418 Havenscourt - \$317,500
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3309 Magnolia St - \$399,500
3315 Magnolia St - \$404,000
3321 Magnolia St - \$397,500
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3327 Magnolia St - \$417,000
687 Mandana Bl - \$535,000
5425 Market St - \$345,000
5227 Masonic Av - \$885,000
2562 Maxwell Av - \$275,000
199 Montecito Av - \$175,000
3148 Monticello Av - \$399,000
6827 Moore Dr - \$452,000
4021 Norton Av - \$523,500
6655 Oakwood Dr - \$705,000
6676 Pine Needle - \$440,000
3052 Pleitner Av - \$225,000
5955 Rincon Dr - \$665,000
5422 Roberts Av - \$391,000
5969 Shattuck Av - \$299,000
4647 Skelton Av - \$490,000
7675 Skyline Bl - \$1,160,000
7967 Skyline Bl - \$1,100,000
7612 Sterling Dr - \$359,000
6640 Sunnymere Av - \$250,000
1638 Sunshine Ct - \$270,000
229 Tunis Rd - \$210,000

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1820 Trestle Glen - \$1,130,500
138 Wildwood Ghns - \$1,580,000

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862 10th St - \$247,000
416 21st St - \$345,000
720 40th St - \$157,500
550 43rd St - \$380,000
217 7th St - \$300,000
1404 Burbeck - \$240,000
9 Chanisor Av - \$245,000
507 Duboce Av - \$100,500
3166 Fairmead Dr - \$280,000
1193 Fairway Dr - \$410,000
1342 Fascination - \$455,000
3110 Florida Av - \$249,000
5328 Gately Av - \$290,000
2401 Gaynor Av - \$210,000
4212 Jenkins Wy - \$240,000
5060 Kirk Ln - \$275,000
4454 Meadowbrook - \$360,000
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15491 Dowicher - \$425,000
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1476 Green Ct - \$355,000
15381 Inverness - \$400,000
926 Juana Av - \$380,000
14421 Kings Ct - \$304,500
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reserve accounts. They are not required by law in Wisconsin, but instead the owner-residents decide by vote.

Conventional knowledge and my own instincts said that such accounts are the way to go. But when I actually calculated the cost, it seems that the specified reserve account has extra tax expense, and a personal savings account would do the same job at less cost. There are two taxing problems:

First, the funds earn taxable interest. For the specialized reserve account the IRS taxes the association-held reserve account at the basic 30 percent corporation rate. But in a personal savings account, the tax rate (in the year 2002) would have been lower than 30 percent for a married couple with a taxable income less than \$340,000 per year. That is most of us.

Second, the existence of a specified reserve account would be equal to the sum of the market value of the same unit without that account plus the amount of money in the account. That is from an informal survey of three experts, a CPA, an appraiser and a Realtor. That sounds good until you realize that by law, the tax assessment value should be the same as the market value so if that money is in a Specified Reserve Account, the owner-resident is actually paying real estate taxes on his savings.

The difference is not trivial. The example in the attachment shows that the cost to build up a \$10,000, 20-year savings account would be \$8,962.79 in a specified reserve account, but only \$6,542.66 in a personal savings account.

— Don Niles, Oconomowoc, Wis.

A. A condominium reserve account is established to provide a basis for accumulating funds to pay for maintenance of and replacement of long-term improvements that have worn out. This would include common roof, recreational facilities, parking surfaces, etc.

At any point in time, if the reserve account has been properly funded, the cash balance should be sufficient to replace worn-out building components when needed. Another way of looking at reserve account balances is they should be equal to the depreciation or "wearing out" of parts that will require future replacement.

Knowledgeable buyers and appraisers of previously owned condo units should always check reserve account balances. If the existing balances are inadequate to provide for, say, roof replacement, a substantial future assessment may be expected when replacement becomes necessary. This future liability affects the sal-

ability and value of the condominium.

Personal savings account are not the means to accumulate funds for replacement of common property. Reserve accounts, as well as any other funds, to be used for the benefit of the condominium community need to be available and under the control of the board of directors. Individual savings accounts are controlled by individuals who may not wish to make the money available when needed. Further, they could have just lost the money at a local casino.

Q. My parents have sold their home and committed to purchasing a condo along with my sister. Both parties will invest equal amounts, and my parents will be responsible for all future expenses (i.e. property taxes, utilities, maintenance fees) since they will be residing in the condo. My sister feels that, when it comes time to sell the property, they are entitled to only their initial investment — no return on their capital. My parents just want to be "fair." I am urging them to retain an attorney to protect their interests and would appreciate an impartial opinion that will, perhaps, persuade them that this is necessary.

A. In essence, your parents and sister have formed a partnership in ownership of a condominium. The parents will occupy the condo and pay all expenses and assessments. In turn they receive full use of the condo with no rent being charged.

Assuming fairness means recognizing your parents and sister's contribution and treating them equally; the arrangement should be accounted as a partnership. That means establishing capital accounts for each equal to their initial contributions. Your sister's capital account would not change because she will be contributing no additional money and receive no additional benefit.

Your parent's capital account will increase based on payments for taxes, assessments and maintenance. It is important, however,

If you lack experience in property rental you may wish to use the services of a rental agent located near the home. This will help with finding tenants, showing the space, obtaining damage deposits, inspecting for damage when a tenant leaves, having a properly executed lease and collecting rents. All of which can be significant problems if you live some distance from the home.

to recognize that your parents will receive the benefit of living in the condo without paying rent. A fair market rent should be charged to the capital account, reducing its balance.

This process will result in unequal capital accounts recognizing unequal benefits to each party; including the fact that your sister is earning nothing on her investment. Any profits from resale should be paid to each party in proportion to their capital account balance at the time of resale.

My suggestion is just a rough outline. Work out the details of such a plan with your family accountant.

Q. My sister and I will inherit a lake home in northern Wisconsin when our father passes away, and we are considering renting the house out during the summer. I have several questions regarding the process we would need to go through in order to rent out the house.

Would it be beneficial to set up a business to rent out the house? Would we be able to structure the rental agreement so that we can use the house when it is not being rented, approximately 50 percent of the year? What are some of the other concerns that we should take into consideration when making this decision?

— Susan Certei, Racine, Wis.

A. You don't need to establish a business to rent out a home. If you lack experience in property rental you may wish to use the services of a rental agent lo-

cated near the lake home. This will help with finding tenants, showing the space, obtaining damage deposits, inspecting for damage when a tenant leaves, having a properly executed lease and collecting rents. All of which can be significant problems if you live some distance from the lake home.

When the home is not rented it is your right to use it or leave it vacant as you wish.

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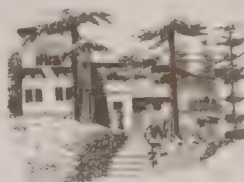
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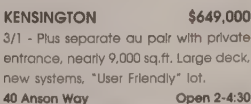
BERKELEY \$949,000
3/2 - Unique Contemporary. Spectacular panoramic views from every window. Serene garden settings. Close to UC, shops, & Gourmet Ghetto.
987 Euclid Avenue Open 2-4:30



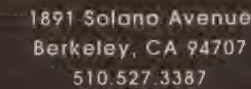
BERKELEY \$799,000
3/3 - Exquisite Traditional home with gorgeous San Francisco & Golden Gate views. Decks, level yard, attached garage. More at www.katieandmark.com.
1065 Spruce Street Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND \$229,500
LOFT - Very Jazzy with remodeled kitchen & bath, great delineation of space. More info at www.SaraGarabedian.com.
730 29th Street #109 Open 2-4



ALBANY - NEW LISTING! \$479,000
Duplex - Rare find charming mirror image duplex. Hardwood floors, built-ins, eat-in-kitchen, attached garages, private garden with fruit trees. Delivered vacant!
919 Solano Avenue Open 2-4:30



KENSINGTON \$649,000
3/1 - Plus separate au pair with private entrance, nearly 9,000 sq.ft. Large deck, new systems. "User Friendly" lot.
40 Anson Way Open 2-4:30

BERKELEY \$249,000
2/1 - Stylish condo close to UC, 4th Street shops, marina and much more. Serene garden, updated bath, off street parking. Photos at www.katieandmark.com.
933 Addison Street #A Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$585,000
2/1.5 - Tudor on quiet North Berkeley cul-de-sac. Filtered Bay & city views, fireplace in living room, formal dining room, updated kitchen, sunny decks & yard
2326 Corona Court Open 2-4

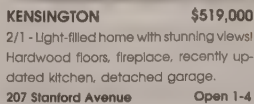
BERKELEY \$458,000
2/1 - Craftsman Ideally located between BART & 4th Street shops. Many original details, full basement, new kitchen, hardwood floors, detached garage & more!
1039 Delaware Street Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$199,000
1/1 - Totally remodeled cute condominium with new kitchen & updated bathroom. Great location close to Piedmont & Lake Merritt.
425 Orange Street #307 Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$319,000
LOFT - Designer loft with stunning finishes, slate floors, exposed brick walls, artisan fixtures, gourmet kitchen. More at www.saragarabedian.com.
3015 Myrtle Street #19 Open 2-4



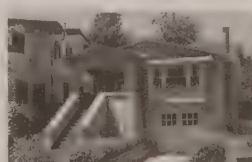
KENSINGTON \$519,000
2/1 - Light-filled home with stunning views! Hardwood floors, fireplace, recently updated kitchen, detached garage.
207 Stanford Avenue Open 1-4



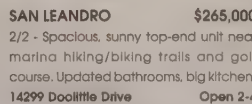
BERKELEY - NEW LISTING! \$870,000
3/3.5 - Extraordinary 1920s Mediterranean with exquisite details. First time on the market in nearly half a century. High ceilings, family room, garden
554 Santa Clara Avenue Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY \$499,000
3/2 - Delightful home close to schools, downtown, BART, city parks, arts district & much more. Lovely country kitchen, much work done including foundation
1845 Addison Street Open 2-4



EL CERRITO - NEW LISTING! \$459,000
2+1 - Designed by award winning architect, Roger Lee. Classic modern design Marin, Golden Gate, Bay, San Francisco views. New paint, landscaping
1714 Arlington Boulevard Open 2-5

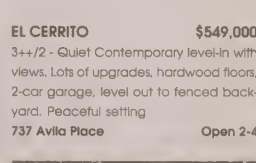


OAKLAND \$379,000
2+1/2 - Lovely bungalow with Craftsman details & refinished floors throughout. Fully equipped kitchen, new counters, finished basement with bath & kitchen.
370 Oakland Avenue Open 2-4

EL CERRITO \$459,000
3/2.5 - Room To Spare! Sharp home with hill views, gleaming hardwoods throughout, 2-car garage with BIG hobby/workshop and additional storage
717 Albemarle Street Open 2-4



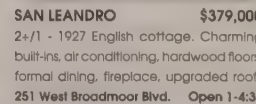
EL CERRITO - NEW LISTING! \$495,000
3/2 - Enjoy view of SF while sipping cappuccinos made in your custom remodeled kitchen. Hardwood floors, patio off dining room. Move-in condition!
6811 Snowden Avenue Open 2-4:30



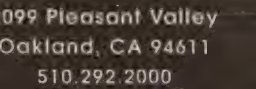
EL CERRITO \$549,000
3+1/2 - Quiet Contemporary level-in with views. Lots of upgrades, hardwood floors, 2-car garage, level out to fenced backyard. Peaceful setting
737 Avila Place Open 2-4



EL SOBRANTE - NEW! \$349,000
4/2 - Great value! Needs TLC. Hardwood floors, fireplace, huge park-like yard, 2-car garage. Fabulous opportunity! Come see for yourself!
3433 Stewarton Drive Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$389,000
2/1 - Bright & cheerful cottage with separate art studio/offices. Park-like yard with redwoods, fig tree, flowers & veggie galore. Basement. Peaceful setting
3927 Webster Street Open 2-4



SAN LEANDRO \$379,000
2+1/2 - 1927 English cottage. Charming built-ins, air conditioning, hardwood floors, formal dining, fireplace, upgraded roof.
251 West Broadmoor Blvd. Open 1-4:30

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\$212,500	1437 D Morton Street	1BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-814-4810	Jane Friedrich
Harbor Bay Realty		
\$225,000	955 Shorepoint Ct #307	1BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-748-1131	Dorothy Franchi
Gallagher & Lindsey		
\$235,000	950 Shorepoint Ct #111	1+BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-814-4846	Janice Payne
Harbor Bay Realty		
\$279,000	1333 Webster St A-201	510-814-4815
Open Sun 2-4	510-303-2525	Bette Barr
Alameda Realty		
\$279,000	3578 Gray St	3BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-4	510-337-8670	Kacy Carr
Prudential California Realty		
\$368,000	1034 Central	2+BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-814-4815	Nancy Gordon
Harbor Bay Realty		
\$389,900	1825 Shoreline Dr #201	2+BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-814-4817	Tim Marr
Harbor Bay Realty		
\$399,000	1562 Lincoln Ave #C	2BD/1BA
Sat & Sun 2-4 Main Island	510-610-5009/864-2024	
Kane & Associates	Sally Han/David Gunderman	
\$400,000	2101 Shoreline Dr. #488	2BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-339-0400	Kurt Buchholz
The Grubb Co.		
\$412,000	509 Willow St	2BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-814-4884	Izabella Lipetski
Harbor Bay Realty		
\$419,000	1458 6th St	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-814-4871	Denise Garvine
Harbor Bay Realty		
\$425,000	2625 Eagle Ave	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-814-4816	Sid Borling
Harbor Bay Realty		
\$429,000	1025 Doris Ct	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-814-4880	Maureen Shandobillw
Harbor Bay Realty		
\$439,000	3162 Phoenix Lane	3BD/2.5BA
Open Sat & Sun 2-4	510-522-1173	George Williams
Harbor Bay Realty		
\$439,500	1109 College	2BD/1BA
Sat & Sun 2-4 Main Island	510-610-5009/864-2024	
Kane & Associates	Sally Han/David Gunderman	
\$439,500	410 Marshall Way	3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-748-1108	Bill Bissett
Gallagher & Lindsey		
\$444,000	152 Centre Court	2BD/2.5BA
Sun 1:30-4:30 Harbor Bay Isle	510-521-1177	
Windermere Properties, East Bay	Peter Fletcher	
\$445,000	102 Ironwood Road	2BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-523-6544	Lois Chase
Kane & Associates		
\$445,000	2517 Clay St	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-748-1110	Ron Bang
Gallagher & Lindsey		
\$449,000	212 Centre Court	2BD/2.5BA
Sun 1:30-4:30 Harbor Bay Isle	510-521-1177	
Windermere Properties, East Bay	Peter Fletcher	

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\$449,000	367 Centre Court	2BD/2.5BA
Sun 1:30-4:30 Harbor Bay Isle	510-521-1177	
Windermere Properties, East Bay	Peter Fletcher	
\$449,500	431 Lincoln Ave	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-748-1148	Paola Dimacal
Gallagher & Lindsey		
\$450,000	3026 Marina Dr	2BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-814-4890	Barbara Disalvo
Harbor Bay Realty		
\$469,000	2986 Johnson Ave	2BD/1BA
Open Sat & Sun 2-4	510-522-4449	Keiko McDonah
Gallagher & Lindsey		
\$469,000	3236 Adams St	3BD/1BA
Open Sat 2-4	925-736-7651	Kathie Ng
Kane & Associates		
\$469,500	3420 Redhook Ln	3+BD/2.5BA
Open Sat & Sun 2-4	510-814-4841	Tom Young
Harbor Bay Realty		
\$474,500	1167 Camino Del Valle	3BD/2.5BA
Open Sat & Sun 2-4	510-748-1111	The McIntyre's
Gallagher & Lindsey		
\$479,000	975 Versailles Ave	2BD/1BA
Open Sat & Sun 2-4	510-814-4884/814-4814	Chuck/ Nancy Bianchi
Harbor Bay Realty		
\$492,500	2515 Otis Drive	2+BD/2BA
Open Sat & Sun 2-4	510-814-4884/814-4814	Connie Hanna
Harbor Bay Realty	Izabella Lipetski/	
\$529,000	56 Bannister Way	3BD/2.5BA
Open Sat & Sun 2-4	510-814-4895	Mary Ann Foss
Harbor Bay Realty		
\$539,000	1378 Hansen Ave	2BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-814-4825	Shirley McWilliam
Harbor Bay Realty		
\$549,000	3300 Fernside	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4 Main Island	510-523-6732	John McNulty
Kane & Associates		
\$565,000	1820 Bay St	3BD/2BA
Open Sat & Sun 2-4	510-748-1166	The Basora's
Gallagher & Lindsey		
\$579,000	302 Laguna Vista	4BD/2.5BA
Open Sat 2-4:30	510-521-1647/522-5827	Bayview Estates
The Homes-Link Team		
\$579,000	1128 Pearl	3BD
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-521-1647/522-5827	Quinn Stone/ Dianna Wyman
Bayview Estates		
\$583,000	572 Kings Rd	3+BD/2.5BA
Sat 2-4	510-814-4714	Barbara Bolton
Harbor Bay Realty		
\$587,000	6 DeCelle Court	3+BD/2.5
Sun 2-4pm	415-810-1771	Ivan Leung
Pacific Union Real Estate		
\$605,000	1329 Crown Dr	3+BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-814-4839	Bill Douglas
Harbor Bay Realty		
\$619,000	2009 Sandcreek	3BD/2.5BA
Sun 1:30-4:30	510-521-1177	Peter Fletcher
Windermere Properties, East Bay		
\$649,000	132 McDonnell Rd	3BD/2.5BA
Sat & Sun 2-4	510-814-4848/814-4892	Ringo Lu/Eunice Edwards
Harbor Bay Realty		

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\$649,500	1529 Versailles Ave	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 1-4	510-276-2020/142	Victoria Phillip
Prudential CA Realty		
\$651,000	1616 Fernside Blvd #B	3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-523-6058	Joanna Letizia
Kane & Associates		
\$659,000	1830 Pacific Ave	3+BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-428-0900	Cynthia Zheng
Prudential Piedmont		
\$689,000	25 Courageous Court	2+BD/3.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 Marina Village	510-531-2274	Wendy Sando
Kane & Associates		
\$699,000	1315 Santa Clara Ave	4BD/3BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-748-1133	Stephanie Neher
Gallagher & Lindsey		
\$699,000	1372 Versailles	4BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-865-1635	Lois Hoffman
Kane & Associates		
\$719,000	221 Galway Bay	3+BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-814-4824	Darin Vinnal
Harbor Bay Realty		
\$720,000	1542 Pearl St	3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-748-1132	Dennis Keefe
Gallagher & Lindsey		
\$769,000	1143 Bay St	2BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-523-6058	Hanna Fry
Kane & Associates		
\$799,000	2942 Gibbons Dr	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-614-4713	Russ Grant
Harbor Bay Realty		
\$822,000	37 Hays Ct	4BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-814-4802	Rich Kinkins
Harbor Bay Realty		
\$879,500	1624 San Antonio Avenue	3BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-814-4887	Ramon Dumaguit
Harbor Bay Realty		

Albany

\$479,000	919 Solano Ave	dpix
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-280-2154	Jane Ishibashi
RED OAK		
\$560,000	1064 Cornell Ave	3BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-5	510-868-1400	James Lim
Prudential		
\$585,000	515 Santa Fe Ave.	2+BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-338-1350	Mary Montali
Pacific Union Residential		

Antioch

\$410,000	4513 Fallow Way	4BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-834-2010	Henriette Lanier-Green
Prudential CA R.E.		

Berkeley

\$249,000	933 Addison A	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-280-2149	Mark Lederer
RED OAK		
\$339,000	1046 Camelia St	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		
The Homes-Link Team		

Berkeley

\$415,000	3036 Fulton	2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4:30	510-338-1336	Jack McPhail
Pacific Union Residential		
\$420,000	1625 Tyler St	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-524-3840	Sheri Madden
Millstein & Associates		
\$458,000	1039 Delaware St	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-280-2112	Edna Olmstead
RED OAK		
\$495,000	2722 9th St	loft
Open Sun 2-5	510-866-1480	Kathleen Crandell
Prudential		
\$499,000	1845 Addison Ave	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-280-2134	Peter Cambell
RED OAK		
\$545,000	1307 Northside Ave	2BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 1:30-4	510-526-3512	Sonja Velez
RED OAK		
\$575,000	1233-35 Derby St	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-652-2133	Ruth Frassetto
The Grubb Co.		
\$575,000	900 Cragmont	4+BD/3BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-868-1400	Chris Henry
Prudential		
\$585,000	2326 Corona Ct	3BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-280-2108	Robin Kingsbury
RED OAK		
\$595,000	1429 Grizzly Peak	3+BD/3BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-868-1400	Jake McTigue
Prudential		
\$615,000	1215 Josephine St.	2+BD/1BA
Sun 2-5	510-527-2700 X44	David Ratosh
Pacific Union Residential		
\$629,000	1727-29 Delaware St	2BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-527-2700 X44	David Ratosh
Marvin Gardens		
\$649,000	1629 Tacoma	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-338-1341	Leslie Avant
Pacific Union Residential		
\$650,000	690 Colusa Ave	2BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4	510-559-2915	Todd Hodson
Marvin Gardens		
\$695,000	1744 Marin Avenue	2+BD/3BA
Open 2-4:30	510-339-4000	Jim Schubert
Montclair Better Homes		
\$695,000	215 Columbia Ave	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-339-9290	David Otero
Prudential Montclair		
\$725,000	1208 Neilson Street	4BD/2BA
Sun 2-4:30pm	510-652-2133	Bebe McBride
The Grubb Co.		
\$750,000	3304 Claremont Ave.	3BD/1+BA
Sun 2-4:30	510-338-1330	Lorri Arazi
Pacific Union Residential		
\$765,000	2200 Marin Ave	4BD/2BA
Open Sun 1:30-4:30		
510-524-9888x22		
Berkeley Hills Realty		
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\$775,000 Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	524 Grizzly Peak Blvd 510-338-1336 Jack McPhail
\$799,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 RED OAK	1065 Spruce St 510-524-3840 Sheri Madden
\$799,000 Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	54 Panoramic View 510-280-2112 Edna Olmstead
\$829,000 Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	2951-2951 1/2 Linden Ave 510-866-1480 Kathleen Crandell
\$859,900 Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential	1062 Woodside Rd 510-280-2134 Peter Cambell
\$870,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 RED OAK	554 Santa Clara 510-526-3512 Sonja Velez
\$949,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 RED OAK	987 Euclid Link 510-526-3512 Sonja Velez
\$1,095,000 Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	19 Alvarado Rd 510-526-3512 Sonja Velez
\$1,095,000 Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	41 Alvarado Rd 510-526-3512 Sonja Velez
\$1,275,000 Sun. 2-4:30pm The Grubb Co.	86 El Camino Pkwy 510-526-3512 Sonja Velez
\$1,375,000 Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	625 Alvarado Rd 510-526-3512 Sonja Velez
\$1,400,000 Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	1228 Grand View Dr 510-526-3512 Sonja Velez
\$1,595,000 Open Sun 1-5 Prudential Piedmont	71 Robie Rd 510-526-3512 Sonja Velez
\$1,650,000 Open Sun. 1-4 Caldwell Banker	2800 Claremont Boulevard 510-526-3512 Sonja Velez
\$1,750,000 Open Sun 2-5 Prudential	986 Euclid Link 510-526-3512 Sonja Velez
Castro Valley	
\$498,000 Open Sun 2-4 Kane & Associates	18856 Sydney Dr 510-526-3512 Sonja Velez
El Cerrito	
\$349,000 Open Sun RED OAK 510-280-2112	3433 Stevenson 510-280-2112 Edna Olmstead
\$399,000 Open Sun 2-4 Marvin Gardens	770 Pomona Ave 510-280-2112 Edna Olmstead
\$459,000 Open Sun 2-5 RED OAK	1714 Arlington Blvd 510-280-2112 Edna Olmstead

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717 Alhambra St	3BD/2.5BA 510-292-2005 Brian Marks	\$375,000 Open Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	3022 East 29th Street Dimond(2 Units)	-BD/-BA 510-339-4000 Arnold Mueller	\$499,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	6745 Sobrante Rd	3BD/2BA 510-339-9290 Mary Dresser	\$695,000 Open Sun. 2-4:30 Rockridge Duplex Montclair Better Homes	-BD/-BA 510-339-4554 Caroline Peters	\$1,495,000 Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	145 Colgett Dr. Oakland Hills S. Benninger & A. W. Krubis	5BD/4.5BA 510-339-0400 Debra J. Dryden	
728 Richmond St	3BD/2BA 510-292-3040 Darrell Hoh	\$375,000 Open Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	371 30th St. #103 Pill Hill	2BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Elena Stone	\$500,000 Open Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	2533 Castello Street Dimond	3BD/3BA 510-339-4000 Ken Nwokedi	\$699,000 Open Sun 2-5 Prudential	200-204 Frisbie 4BD/4BA 510-701-2079 Tamara Nadarajah	\$1,895,000 Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	5 Diablo Dr. Montclair Highlands Debra J. Dryden	5BD/5+BA 510-339-0400	
6811 Snowden Ave	3BD/2BA 510-280-2145 Virginia Jones	\$379,000 Open Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	2615 Madeline St. Laurel	2BD/1BA 510-339-4700 Judy Ackerman	\$519,000 Open Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	2155 Trafalgar Pl. Montclair	2BD/1BA 510-339-4700 Becky Andersen/Wancy Dickey	\$699,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	2927 75th Ave Zhoues 510-339-9290 Andreas Furtner	\$1,989,000 Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	5626 Weaver Pl. Hillcrest Estates Bettina Balestrieri	4BD 510-339-0400	
737 Avila Pl	3+BD/2BA 510-280-2183 Charles Turvey	\$379,000 Open Sun 2-4 RED OAK	370 Oakland Ave Sat. & Sun.	2+BD/1+BA 510-292-2015 Hila Azimzal	\$519,000 Open Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	4960 & 4962 Desmond St. Rockridge	Dup. 510-338-1312 Martha Holistlaw	\$715,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential	6801 Gunn Dr 3BD/3BA 510-428-0900 Kilgallen	\$749,000 Sun. 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	880 McKinley Haddon Hill Dick & Sandi	4+BD/2BA 510-338-1308	
7224 View Ave	3BD/2BA 510-232-0281 X12 Sic. Addiego	\$389,000 Open 2-5 Diamond Realty	3625 Harbor View Sat. & Sun.	2BD/1BA 510-530-4991	\$519,000 Open Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	6556 Pinehaven 3BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Claudia Bowman	3BD/2BA 510-845-0211 Camille	\$749,000 Sun. 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	880 McKinley Haddon Hill Dick & Sandi	\$750,000 Open Sun. 2-4:30 Rockridge (Upper) Montclair Better Homes	5943 Ocean View Drive 3+BD/2BA 510-339-4000 Earle Shenk	3+BD/2BA 510-339-9290 Whitney Nelson	
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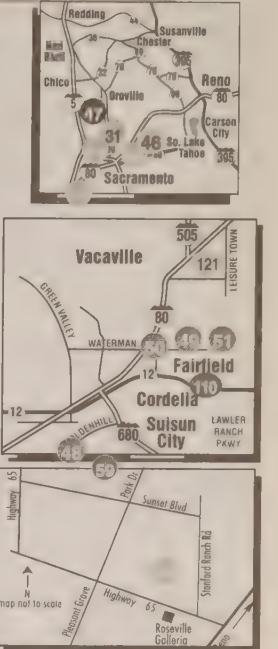
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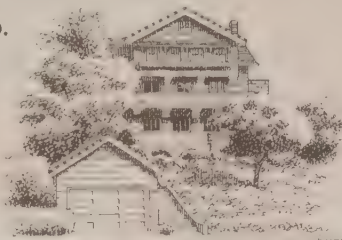
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El Cerrito moves on

■ The Gauchos rally in the seventh to beat Campolindo, advance to face Las Lomas for NCS 2A East Bay title

By Bill Kolb
STAFF WRITER

PLEASANT HILL — Somehow you just knew, after the Campolindo High School baseball team scored two runs to take a 4-3 lead in the bottom of the sixth inning, that the game was far from over.

The lead had changed hands in each of the previous two innings, El Cerrito had its top boppers coming up in the bottom of the seventh, and Cougars pitchers had been having trouble throwing strikes. It was a perfect recipe for seventh-inning fireworks.

Pyrotechnics were exactly what a boisterous crowd at Diablo Valley College got in the North Coast Section 2A East Bay

semifinal game, as the Gauchos (20-5) erupted for three runs on three hits to walk away with a 6-4 victory on Wednesday.

With the win, El Cerrito advances to Saturday's NCS 2A East Bay championship game at 4 p.m. at Oakland's Network Associates Coliseum, where it will face No. 1 seed Las Lomas.

"It feels great," El Cerrito hitting star Greg Murray said. "This is what we've played for all season. I couldn't be more happy."

After Miguel Sanchez — whose error on Kevin Lowe's fly ball to right in the sixth allowed the go-ahead run to score — struck out to lead off the inning, Murray stepped to the plate.

Murray was 2-for-2 with a walk at the time, but hadn't really seen a pitch that he could drive. Both of his singles were of the dribbling infield variety, and his fifth-inning walk came on four pitches.

Murray quickly got ahead in the count 2-0, then blasted Cory

Kahn's next offering down the left-field line for a standup double. Murray scored easily when Randy Minix launched the first pitch he saw from Kahn (5-2) deep to right for another double, tying the game at 4. Murray finished 3-for-3 with a walk, a double and three runs scored.

"It was 2-0, and I figured he wouldn't throw me a curve," Murray said of his rally-sparking double. "He left it up and I hit it. This team can hit the ball. You have to have somebody who can get it going. Today it was me. And once we get going, it's hard to stop us."

Minix moved up 90 feet on a wild pitch, then scored when David Greenstein rapped his second RBI single of the game. Greenstein, who was 2-for-3 with two runs scored, stole a base, then came around to score when Nick Gray reached on a throwing error by shortstop Sean Irving for an insurance run.



EL CERRITO'S Brian Wagner greets David Greenstein (7), who scored on a Campolindo error in the seventh inning.

PREP TRACK



ST. MARY'S Jason Bolden-Anderson, left, will take one of the top times in the state in the 110-meter hurdles into today's state meet.

No hurdle too big for these athletes

■ El Cerrito's Lodree, Berkeley's Brooks eye state track titles

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

BERKELEY — The El Cerrito-Berkeley area can lay a claim as hurdles capital of the North Coast Section this season.

El Cerrito's Ashley Lodree roared to victories in the girls 100-meter hurdles and 300 hurdles, and Berkeley's Stephan Brooks had an upset win in the boys 300 hurdles at the North Coast Section Meet of Champions at Cal's Edwards Stadium.

Albany's Sean Carey and Berkeley's Alex Enscoe also earned Meet of Champion titles in the boys 800 and 1,600, respectively.

Lodree's time of 13.79 in the 100 hurdles was the second-fastest time in the state according to a California Interscholastic Federation state leaders rankings updated Saturday morning by DyeStatCal.com. The top time by Ashlee Brown of John W. North-Riverside is 13.76. "I kind of started off shaky

(Saturday), but as it went on, it got pretty good," said Lodree about her day. "I PR'd for this year in both (hurdle races)."

In the 300 hurdles, Lodree surged in the last 70 meters to win in 43.06, the fifth-fastest mark in the state.

Lodree started the day in the long jump. After running through two attempts for no mark, she passed on her final qualifying attempt for the finals.

"I wasn't jumping my best. I just wasn't jumping well," Lodree said.

But the rest of her day was bright. She anchored the El Cerrito 400 relay team to a third-place finish in 47.35 seconds before her hurdle heroics. The top four finishers in each event automatically qualified for the CIF State Championships today and Saturday at Cerritos College in Norwalk.

Tasha Mizel, Monique Coleman, Kavina Hall and Lodree formed El Cerrito's 400 relay. The Gauchos scored 40 points in the meet and finished second overall to James Logan (87).

After finishing second in the boys 400 (48.93), Brooks laid on the infield grass and thought

about his upcoming event, the 300 intermediate hurdles.

"I was thinking about coming out hard in the 300 hurdles and winning it," Brooks said.

Brooks turned his thoughts into reality.

He took the lead early and ran a strong final 100 to stun the crowd with a time of 37.42, defeating top qualifier Kevin Craddock of James Logan (37.71).

Brooks' mark is the top time in the state.

"When I lost the 400, it had me pumped up to run the 300 hurdles and win. I didn't want to lose twice," Brooks said. "Now I know that I have to practice the 300 hurdles more."

Carey also got off to a great start in the 800. The junior took the lead 50 meters into the race and never relinquished it, as he blasted through the first 400 in 55 seconds, then held off Sir Francis Drake-San Anselmo's Eric Lee for the win in 1:53.74.

Besides setting a personal record, Carey also had the 10th fastest time in the state.

"I always found it wasn't as good to start in the pack and wait until the end (to make a move). It's better to get in front and sur-

vive," Carey said.

Enscoe took the lead in the boys 1,600 with 450 meters to go, then ripped off a 60-second final lap to earn his championship.

"I've always been pretty confident in my kick. Today, I was less confident. I had heard a lot about J.K. (Wither's) kick," Enscoe said. "I wanted a PR and I wanted to win. It went perfect."

Pinole Valley's Wopamo Osaisai clocked personal-record times in both the 100 (10.66) and 200 (21.45) while finishing second in both races.

St. Mary's Jason Bolden-Anderson clocked one of the fastest times in the state in the 110 high hurdles (14.37) to finish second.

El Cerrito's Coleman was second in the girls 100 (12.21), and Berkeley's Jere Summers placed second in the shot put (40-2).

Hercules' Meia Tezeno was the only Contra Costa County runner to qualify for the state championships in three individual events.

Tezeno finished third in the 100 hurdles (14.79), third in the 100 (12.24) and third in the 300 hurdles (44.16).

Cal's Jackson selected 19th

■ The Diamondbacks make the Bears third baseman the highest pick from Cal since 1966

By Marcus Thompson II
STAFF WRITER

Cal third baseman Conor Jackson said retiring his 1999 Ford Ranger will be kind of sad. He's had it since high school.

But it's something he's got to do.

"I've got to get an Escalade," Jackson, 21, said, referring to the popular Cadillac sports utility vehicle. "That's the first thing you have to do, right?"

Jackson became a rich man Tuesday when he was selected in the first round of the Major League Baseball Draft. The 6-foot-3, 205-pound junior was taken No. 19 overall by the Arizona Diamondbacks. He is the second-highest pick ever out of Cal. Shortstop/outfielder Ted Parks was taken with the 16th overall pick by the Baltimore Orioles in 1966.

Cal right-hander Brian Montalbo followed Jackson, going in the seventh round to the Milwaukee Brewers.

It was widely believed Jackson would be drafted by the A's with the 25th overall pick. Jackson said he figured either the A's or Diamondbacks but knew he was headed to Arizona once the Chicago White Sox drafted University of Arizona outfielder Brian Anderson — said to be the Diamondbacks' top choice — with the No. 15 pick.

Jackson said he was in negotiations with Arizona on Monday night, when he rejected an offer that included a \$1.4 million dollar signing bonus. He said he wants around the same signing bonus the last few No. 19 picks have received, which he calculated to be between \$1.5 and \$1.7 million.

"They came in with some offers last night, and we turned them down," said Jackson, who this season hit .388 with 15 homers, 44 RBI and had a .538 on-base percentage. "They still picked me up. That's very encouraging."

"I just want slot value for that pick. I'm not going to sit here and ask for \$4 million or anything like that. Last year, (pick No.) 19 got \$1.7 million."

Monte Vista High School graduate Mateo Miramontes went out and bought six hats and two kids jerseys of his new team: the New York Mets. The Mets took Miramontes in the sixth round.

Miramontes likely would have

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Artists put out welcome mat

■ Pro Arts annual Open Studios tour continues this weekend. Page C3

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■ California Shakespeare Theater presents compelling "Julius Caesar" through June 22. Page C5

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Arts

Area artists extend a welcome

By Mary Reiley
STAFF WRITER

More than 500 artists will open their doors to the public this weekend for the annual Oakland Pro Arts Open Studios tour around the East Bay.

Pro Arts is a nonprofit organization with more than 800 members. Since its founding in 1974, it has sponsored 23 open studio tours, said Svea Lin Vezzone, Pro Arts' exhibition and program manager.

"This is a great opportunity for those who are just starting to collect," she said.

That's due to the diversity of media available at Pro Arts and in the participating artists' studios and galleries.

For instance, oil paintings, three-dimensional memory boxes and a series of paper dolls have been occupying the time and energy of artist Pam Fingado of El Cerrito.

She is part of a West Contra Costa group calling themselves "Top of the Map" artists. That's because their location on the map of participating East Bay artists' studios is, of course, north of Oakland, putting all 24 of them at the top.

Fingado has been doing the tour more than eight years, she said.

"I feel it's an important part of my art career," she said. "Because of Open Studio, I've met people in the community I wouldn't ordinarily meet."

Fingado's work may be found at www.pamfingado.com.

The locals have put out their own brochure, available at the Richmond and Kensington libraries and community centers in El Cerrito and Point Richmond.

Calling himself a "cartoon sur-



ARTIST PAM FINGADO of El Cerrito will open her studio to the public during the Pro Arts Open Studios tour Saturday and Sunday, and June 7 and 8.

realist," Gary Becker of Richmond puts things together "in an unusual way," he said.

"I do peculiar things with reality," he said. "I create my own world, beyond a photographic representation."

His work is influenced by Native American or primitive art, he added, more from the heart and less from the head.

He has added a new dimension to his creativity by publishing a book of poetry.

Becker's artwork may be found at www.intres.com/gary-becker.

"There's a fabulous variety of artists," said Richmond photographer Jane Magid.

A good way to get a sense of what artists you might like to visit, she said, is to go to the Oakland Pro Arts gallery, 461 9th St., or visit the Web site at www.proartsgallery.org/ebs2003.

Visiting the artists' studios allows one to see the works in their natural habitat, Magid said.

"It's a great way to see not just the art, but the artist as well," she added.

Self-guided tours may be taken from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat-

urday and Sunday, and June 7 and 8.

Free maps are available at Oakland Pro Arts; Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Ave.; the Art Store, 811 University Ave., Berkeley; Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; and other sites. For a complete listing, click on maps at www.proartsgallery.org/ebs2003.

For more information, call Pro Arts at 510-763-4361.

Contact Mary Reiley at 510-262-2784, e-mail mreiley@cc-times.com.

Aging mysteries still offer thrills, laughs



JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

FOR ALL YOU MYSTERY FANS, a couple of all-time favorites are up and running at East Bay theaters. Of course, any mention of "all-time" in connection with a stage thriller is a dead — ha-ha — giveaway that one of them is Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap." The ancient whodunit opened Nov. 25, 1952, in London and hasn't folded yet, making it the longest continuous run in history.

The other puzzler is Ira Levin's "Deathtrap," not as long in the tooth as the Christie classic, but distinctive in another way. It has the rare and skillful blend of two priceless theatrical ingredients — gasp-inducing surprises and spontaneous laughter.

"The Mousetrap" is playing at 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 28 at the outdoor venue of the Orinda Starlight Village Players in the community center, 26 Orinda Way. There's also a matinee at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 22, plus an 8 p.m. Thursday performance on June 26.

Tickets at the door are \$14 general, \$7 for seniors and students. Call 925-253-1191 or 925-254-5530 for information.

Incidentally, while scoping out this enduring classic and its author, I learned that Dame Agatha, a generally retiring woman, got most of her best ideas while eating apples in her bathtub. You can thank one John Moran, a contributor to "The People's Almanac," for that intriguing bit of literary lore.

"Deathtrap" is about a writer of mystery plays whose recent offerings have been flops. He's prepared to go to any length to climb out of this dry hole. Then he receives a script from a student in a college seminar he has been conducting. Ah-ha! He smells a Broadway smash. If only he could...

Sorry, end of line.

"Deathtrap" plays at 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays through June 29 at California Conservatory The-



STARRING in ACT's "The Three Sisters" are Mirhana Jokovic, Katharine Powell, Rene Augesen and Lorri Holt.

atre, 999 East 14th St., San Leandro.

Tickets are \$17 general, \$15 for seniors, students and TBA members. Call 510-632-8850.

CHECK OUT CHEKHOV: If you haven't caught "The Three Sisters" at San Francisco's ACT yet, three performances remain: 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

The is Paul Schmidt's translation of the drama by Anton Chekhov, directed by Carey Perloff. It tells in Schmidt's direct and immediate style the story of three sisters, trapped in a provincial Russian town after the death of their father, and their lament for the passing of better times and their longing for the excitement of Moscow.

Tickets for "The Three Sisters" range from \$11 to \$61 and can be purchased at the Geary Theatre box office, 405 Geary St., San Francisco. Call 415-749-2228, or visit the ACT Web site at www.act-sf.org. Groups of 15 or more people are eligible for discounts. Call Edward Budworth at 415-439-2473.

OH 'PSHAW, MISTER SHAW: Well, we're sure into a

passel of old-time goodies today, aren't we? Here's another one:

Ross Valley Players comes up with "Mrs. Warren's Profession" by George Bernard Shaw as it continues its 73rd season. It's playing weekdays through June 29 at The Barn Theatre, Marin Art and Garden Center. That's at Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and Lagunitas, in Ross.

Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m. Three Thursday performances are at 7:30 p.m. on June 12, 19 and 26. Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m. on June 15, 22 and 29.

Tickets are \$17 general, \$14 for seniors 62 years and over, and youths 14 and under. The Thursday shows are \$12 for all. Call 415-456-9555, or check out the Web site at www.rossvalley-players.org.

When you remember that this play was written 110 years ago, it's not hard to guess what Mrs. Warren's "profession" was. In 1893, few women could aspire to or reach the manly professions of that day — medicine, the law, science and so on. She chose the world's old-

est profession, rising from poverty to riches through prostitution.

Shaw's play, however, does not focus so much on sexual morality — a narrow interpretation for which it was banned from English stages for many years — as it turns the major attention to Victorian hypocrisy and two-faced capitalism.

At the heart of the drama is Mrs. Warren's emancipated, intelligent and self-sufficient daughter, Vivie, who must come to terms with her mother's past and her own future.

Of all the revivals mentioned today, "Mrs. Warren's Profession" exudes the freshest pertinence as it reflects on the economic position of women and the ethics of capitalism and investment.

PEEKING BEHIND THE CURTAIN: Let's wind up by getting off stage and into the nitty gritty of theater production — without which performances would lose most of their visual and aural vibrancy. Since 1959, Contra Costa

EVENTS

STAGE

ALTARENA PLAYHOUSE — "Once Upon a Mattress" by Mary Rodgers. Jay Thompson, Marshall Barer and Dean Fuller, closing June 14. Based upon the fairy tale "The Princess and the Pea," this musical features scrappy Princess Winifred the Woebe-gone vying for the hand of Prince Dauntless the Drab.

\$15 general; \$12 seniors and students. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. The Altarena Playhouse, 1409 High St., Alameda. 510-523-1553 or www.altarena.com.

BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE

"The Guys" by Anne Nelson, through July 5. The 9/11-inspired drama finds Nick, a New York City fire captain, silenced by grief over the loss of his colleagues and friends. When he is asked to write eulogies for his "guys," he discovers he cannot do it. He meets Joan, an editor who will help him, and in turn they both learn to deal with their grief. The two-person show has rotating actors in it. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; June 7, June 12, June 21 and June 26, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; July 5, 2 p.m.; NO PERFORMANCE JULY 4. \$10 to \$54.

Through June 8: Dan Lauria and Lorraine Toussaint star. June 10 through June 15: Sharon Lawrence and Joe Spano. June 17 through June 22: Linda Purl and Joe Spano.

June 24 through July 5: Wanda De Jesus and Jimmy Smits.

SPECIAL EVENT — "Page to Stage," June 9, 7 p.m. Playwright, novelist and journalist Anne Nelson will talk about how and why she wrote "The Guys." She will be joined by actor Joe Spano and the discussion will be moderated by Linda Schacht Gage. Free.

2025 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-847-2949, 888-4BRTix or www.berkeley-rep.org.

CENTRAL WORKS THEATER ENSEMBLE

"The Wyrd Sisters" by Gary Graves, June 13 through July 13. A comedic play based on William Shakespeare's "King Lear," following the story of three sisters.

\$8 to \$20. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. NO PERFORMANCE JULY 4. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 510-558-1381 or www.centralworks.com.

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE

"The Threepenny Opera" by Bertolt Brecht, June 6 through July 19. A musical satire on the bourgeois society of the Weimar Republic. An English adaptation by Marc Blitzstein.

\$15. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13, 2:30 p.m. 105 Park Place, Point Richmond. 510-232-4031 or www.masquers.org.

SHOTGUN PLAYERS

"Under Milk Wood" by Dylan Thomas, through June 22. In honor of the 50th anniversary of this "play for voices," Thomas' work has been resuscitated to show again a typical day in a coastal Welsh town, Llareggub. The tale exposes the darkly comic underpinnings of some 50 salty and colorful characters.

\$18 general; \$12 children and seniors. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. Eighth Street Studio, 2525 8th St., Berkeley. 510-704-8210 or www.shotgunplayers.org.

THEATREFIRST

"A Map of the World," June 6 through June 29. A multi-layered play dealing with America's difficult relationship with Third World countries.

\$16 to \$19 general; half-price for persons under 25; \$13 to \$16 seniors and students; June 12, pay-what-you-can-night. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. Ehmann Hall, Oakland YWCA, 1515 Webster St., Oakland. 510-436-5085 or www.theatrefirst.com.

TRANSPARENT THEATER

"Virginia Woolf's Night and Day" by Tom Clyde, closing June 8. The play follows six young people in 1910, and their fights over love, work, marriage and independence. This is the world premiere of the play, which is based on Woolf's second novel, \$20. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; pay-what-you-can Sundays, 7 p.m. 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. 510-883-0305 or www.transparenttheater.org.

POPULAR MUSIC

ARENA IN OAKLAND — Christina Aguilera and Justin Timberlake, June 6, 7:30 p.m.

\$39 to \$62, 7000 Coliseum Way, Oakland. 510-762-2277 or www.tickets.com.

ASHKENAZ — Pandeiros do Brasil with Karana and Dandara, The Ginga Brasil Dance Troupe, June 6, 9:30 p.m. Brazilian dance lessons at 9 p.m. \$13.

Kotaja, June 7, 9:30 p.m. Dance lessons with Comfort Mensah at 9 p.m. \$13.

Sol Americano and The Mara Connection, June 10, 8 p.m. A benefit for the non-profit Center for Educational Research and Development. \$10.

NC Blues Connection, June 11, 9 p.m. Swing dance lessons with Nick and Shanna at 8 p.m. \$9.

Jesse Lege with Sauce Piquante, June 12, 8:30 p.m. Cajun dance lessons with Cheryl McBride at 8 p.m. \$11. Groundation, June 13, 9:30 p.m. \$12. O-Maya, June 14, 9:30 p.m. \$13.

1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley. 510-525-0505 or www.ashkenaz.com.

BECKETT'S IRISH PUB

— Seventy, June 6. Nicole McRory, June 7, June 11 and June 14.

O'dub, June 12. Sterling Davis, June 13. Free. For ages 21 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. unless noted. 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-847-1790 or www.beckettsirishpub.com.

NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Mary F. Pols, Times; Robert W. Butler, Chris Hewitt, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Glenn Lovell, Bruce Newman, San Jose Mercury News; David Germain, Chrissy Lemire, Ben Nuckols, Malcolm Ritter and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell and A.O. Scott, New York Times; Jack Mathews, New York Daily News; Evan Henerson, Bob Strauss, Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Manohla Dargis, Kevin Thomas and Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times; Nancy Churnin, Chris Vognar, Philip Wuntch, Dallas Morning News; Robert Philpot, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; Jay Boyar, Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel; Joe Baltake, Sacramento Bee; Ann Hornaday and Stephen Hunter, Washington Post.

"ADAPTATION": This latest collaboration from director Spike Jonze and screenwriter Charlie Kaufman, the "Being John Malkovich" team, is a heady, happy jumble of thought and storytelling, an insane comic undertaking that ultimately coheres into a sane and breathtakingly creative film. Ostensibly, it's about adapting Susan Orlean's book, "The Orchid Thief," to film, with Nicolas Cage doing double duty as the tortured screenwriter and his more successful twin

brother. Add to this Meryl Streep as the author, doing shockingly un-Streepian things, and an Oscar-winning performance by Chris Cooper ("Lone Star"). — M. Pols. (R: language, sexuality, some drug use and violent images.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. A

"ANGER MANAGEMENT": Enough already with Adam Sandler playing angry guys. Here he's teamed with Jack Nicholson, who plays a rage counselor assigned to Sandler's character, Dave Buznik, after he's mistakenly accused of attacking a flight attendant. Or maybe it isn't a mistake. Dave does seem to have some deep-rooted issues that keep him from speaking his mind, or from kissing his perky girlfriend (Marisa Tomei) in public. But Dave's anger is kind of a bore, and so is the movie, particularly in its second half. Come to think of it, let's lower this grade; that C was too soft. — M. Pols. (PG-13: crude sexual content, language.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. C

"BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM": This genial ethnic sports comedy directed by Gurinder Chadha was a big hit in Britain last year. Jess (Parminder Nagra) is the younger daughter in a family of middle-class Punjabi immigrants residing in a London suburb. Her passion for soccer puts her at odds with her parents, who think sports are an improper pastime for an almost-grown

teenager with marriage and university to think about. The result is a culture clash that ripples outward from her own household and becomes more and more complicated until the soccer match comes along to sort it all out. — A.O. Scott. (PG-13: language, sexual content.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. C-

"BETTER LUCK TOMORROW": A group of high school buddies are classic overachievers who pass a good chunk of their time fretting over SAT scores, debate-team strategy and whether they'll get early acceptance to Ivy League schools. But not wanting to be pigeonholed as scholastic nerds, they round themselves out with extracurricular activities. The usual stuff. Cheat Sheet 101. Cocaine and the Global Economy. Murder for Beginners. First-time director Justin Lin has crafted a teen satire that stands all Asian-American stereotypes on their ears. — G. Lovell. (R: profanity, sex, violence.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B+

"BLUE CAR": An eloquent and empowering movie about what it means to be a girl growing up. R rating notwithstanding, if you've got a teenager, consider taking her or him to see this clear but non-judgmental illustration of the dangers inherent in an attraction between a young person and an adult. Budding poet Megan (the extraordinary Agnes Bruckner) is a child of a bitter divorce, neglected

by both parents. She grasps happily at the initially innocent attentions of her English teacher, Mr. Auster (David Strathairn, brilliant in a challenging role). First-time writer/director Karen Moncrieff places us so deeply into the situation that we fall into the same trap Megan does, a deceptive belief that these kindred souls should be together. The shift away from that imparts a definitive lesson in the power of self-respect. — M. Pols. (R: sexual content and language.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. A

"BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE": Just hours before they killed a dozen classmates and a teacher at Columbine High School, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold went bowling. Was there a connection? Is it logical to blame the sport or, for that matter, any single thing for America's violent nature? "Bowling for Columbine" doesn't have the answers, and really doesn't expect to find them. For documentary writer-director Michael Moore, the asking is what's important. — K. Turan. (R: some violent images and language.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. B

"BRUCE ALMIGHTY": After local TV reporter Bruce (Jim Carrey) gets fired, he complains so much about his lot in life that God (Morgan Freeman) decides to teach him a lesson. Granted God's powers, the reporter gives himself the ultimate scoop (he finds the body of Jimmy Hoffa), turns his girlfriend (Jennifer Aniston) into a panting she-cat and generally takes very good care of himself. We're supposed to think this a wonderful insincere life (there's even a clip of the Jimmy Stewart classic at one point), but as rendered by Carrey, Bruce is just a whining, despicable, unworthy bore. Carrey, returning to comedy after trying his hand at drama to minimal box office success, seems shut off from human contact. You look into his eyes and see only rage. Not the best recipe for an allegedly feel-good movie. As God, however, Freeman is good. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language, sexual content and some crude humor.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. C-

"CHICAGO": Why was it again that Hollywood stopped making movie musicals? Who decided we shouldn't leave a theater humming that catchy tune, fighting the urge to tap dance our way across the lobby? "Chicago" is the kind of uplifting, exhilarating movie that makes you ask these questions. Vastly talented Renee Zellweger even manages to upstage diva Catherine Zeta-Jones in this tawdry tale, originally based on true-crime cases and later made into a Broadway musical. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content and dialogue, violence and thematic elements.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. A

"CITY OF GHOSTS": After a successful insurance scam, con artist Jimmy (Matt Dillon) heads to Cambodia to search out his mentor, Marvin (James Caan), and tell him he's getting out of the game for good. In this dreamy but dangerous country, everything goes wrong for redemption-hungry Jimmy: His passport is stolen, people keep

beating him up, and Marvin is in deep trouble and in need of a rescue. Dillon makes his directorial debut with the film, the first Western feature filmed in Cambodia since 1964. It's flawed, relying too heavily on Jimmy's relationship with a beautiful expatriate (Natascha McElhone). But the eerie mood is just right, and Cambodia comes alive. Look for Gerard Depardieu as a very funny barkeep. An ambitious and auspicious debut. — M. Pols. (R: language, some violence.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. B

"CONFIDENCE": A predictable and highly derivative heist movie that relies heavily on trips to strip joints for cheap thrills. Ed Burns makes a cute con man, Dustin Hoffman chews gum in between mouthfuls of scenery as allegedly psycho bad guy and Rachel Weisz plays the girl, although unfortunately the chemistry between her and Burns is minimal. The con is fun to watch, but what con isn't? Wait for the video. — M. Pols. (R: language, violence, sexuality and nudity.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C-

"DADDY DAY CARE": Mild, sweet and family-friendly, the quintessential in-flight movie. Eddie Murphy, his propensity for filthy raw humor completely neutered, stars as a marketing executive too busy to pay much attention to his adorable little boy (Oakland native Khamani Griffin). When he and his best buddy (Jeff Garlin) get laid off and become stay-at-home dads, they decide to open a day-care center. Lots of jokes about Ritalin and dirty diapers follow. The weird thing is, the once-greedy Murphy has become almost too gracious with sharing the punch lines. The funniest thing in the movie isn't him, it's a superb straight man named Jonathan Katz, who plays a child welfare inspector. — M. Pols. (PG: language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. C+

"THE DANCER UPSTAIRS": In this pleasurable nerve-jangling thriller, Spanish actor Javier Bardem plays a tender-eyed cop named Agustín Rejas trying to track down a mysterious terrorist in a highly corrupt South American country. Written by Nicholas Shakespeare, who adapted the screenplay from his novel, and directed with confident flair by actor John Malkovich, this film involves Rejas' two-track inquiry into a spasm of terrorism and, rather less satisfactorily for us, the uneasy stirrings of the policeman's heart. Like the book, the film is partly based on the hunt for Abimael Guzman, founder of Peru's notorious Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path). — M. Dargis. (R: strong violence and language.) 2 hour, 9 minutes. B-

"DOWN WITH LOVE": A fairly winning new romantic comedy that could be right out of the Restoration Hardware catalogue, a stylistic homage to the '60s Doris Day-Rock Hudson comedies. Renee Zellweger is Barbara Novak, author of a shocking new feminist treatise that proposes women who want to get ahead should put aside love. It's a huge publishing hit, but it hampers the sex life of cocky jour-

FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Showtimes for Friday June 6

Alameda County

Act 1 and 2

2128 Center Street, Berkeley 510-548-7249
The Dancer Upstairs (R) 6:30, 9:30.
L'Auberge Espagnole (R) 7, 10.

Albany Twin

1115 Solano Ave., Albany 510-524-9588
Together (2003) (PG) 11, 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:30
Winged Migration 12, 2:15, 4:30, 6:40, 9

AMC Bay Street 16

5614 Shellmound St., Emeryville 510-457-4262
Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 11:15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:15, 11:15, 12:15.
Bend It Like Beckham (PG-13) 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25.
Finding Nemo (G) 11, 11:45, 12:15, 1, 1:45, 2:30, 3, 3:45, 4:30, 5:05, 5:40, 6:30, 7:10, 7:45, 8:30, 9:40, 11, 12:15.
The Italian Job (PG-13) 11:15, 12:45, 2, 3:30, 4:45, 6:10, 7:30, 9, 10:30, 11:45.
The Matrix Reloaded (R) 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30.
Wrong Turn (R) 11:45, 1:50, 3:55, 6:05, 8:05, 10:10, 12:15.
X2 (PG-13) 11:30, 2:30, 5:25, 8:25, 11:35.

California Theatre

2113 Kittredge St., Berkeley 510-848-0249
Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 12:20, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:15.
Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:25, 9:35.
A Mighty Wind (PG-13) 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:15, 9:25.

Chabot Space & Science Center

10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300
The Human Body (Not Rated) 11:30, 5:30, 9:30.
The Living Sea (Not Rated) 3:30.
Mysteries of Egypt (Not Rated) 12:30.
To Fly (Not Rated) 10:30, 2:30, 4:30.

Elmwood 3

2966 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-0530
Anger Management (PG-13) 6:45.
Blind Spot: Hitler's Secretary (PG) 4:50, 6:50.
Bowling for Columbine (R) 4:40, 9:10.
Chicago (PG-13) 7.
Frida (R) 8:50.
Rivers and Tides: Andy Goldsworthy Working with Time (Not Rated) 4:45, 9.

Renaissance Grand Lake

3200 Grand Ave., Oakland 510-453-3556
Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.
Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45.
Finding Nemo (G) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:20.
Matrix Reloaded (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:15.

Jack London Stadium

100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320
Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 11, 11:30, 12, 1:40, 2:10, 2:40, 4:20, 4:50, 5:20, 7, 7:30, 8, 9:40, 10:10, 10:40.
Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 11:30, 2, 4:55, 7:15, 9:45.
Finding Nemo (G) 11:05, 11:50, 1:30, 2:30, 4, 5, 6:50, 7:40, 9:15, 10:05.
The Italian Job (PG-13) 11:15, 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55.
Matrix Reloaded (R) 12:45, 3:45, 7:05, 10:15.

Renaissance Oaks Theatre

1875 Solano Ave., Berkeley 510-526-1836
Down with Love (PG-13) 7, 9.
Marooned in Iraq (Not Rated) 7:30, 9:20.

Parkway Theater

1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400
Better Luck Tomorrow (R) 9:45.
Down with Love (PG-13) 9:15.
Identity (R) 7.
Raising Victor Vargas (R) 6:30.

Piedmont Theatre

4186 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-654-2758
Bend It Like Beckham (PG-13) 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10.
Together (2003) (PG) 1:30, 4, 6:30, 9.
Winged Migration 12:40, 2:50, 5, 7:10, 9:20.

Shattuck Cinemas

2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-644-2992
Bend It Like Beckham (PG-13) 1:30,

4:05, 6:45, 9:20.
Decade Under the Influence (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55.
Finding Nemo (G) 12, 1, 2:30, 3:30, 4:55, 6, 7:20, 8:30, 9:45.
Holes (PG) 2, 4:30.
The Man On The Train (R) 12:20, 2:35, 5, 7:10, 9:30.
Nowhere in Africa (Not Rated) 1:45, 4:50, 8.
Raising Victor Vargas (R) 7:05, 9:25.
Spellbound (G) 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7, 9:15.
Sweet Sixteen (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 10.
Wattstax (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:35.

United Artists Berkeley 7

2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-0193
Chicago (PG-13) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:50.
The Italian Job (PG-13) 11:30, 12, 2:05, 3, 4:30, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:45.
The Matrix Reloaded (R) 11, 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11.
Wrong Turn (R) 12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:35.
X2 (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:20, 10:15.

United Artists Emery Bay Stadium 10

6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0492
Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 12:10, 2, 2:30, 3, 4:30, 5, 5:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 9:30, 10, 10:30.
Chicago (PG-13) 12, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40.
Daddy Day Care (PG) 12:10, 1, 2:40, 3:30, 5:10, 5:55, 7:40, 8:30, 9:50, 10:40.
Down with Love (PG-13) 12, 2:50, 2:20, 3:40, 4:50, 5:50, 7:20, 8:20, 9:50, 10:40.
Holes (PG) 12:40, 3:10.
Identity (R) 12:20, 5:20, 10:20.
The In-Laws (PG-13) 5:40, 8:10, 10:30.
A Mighty Wind (PG-13) 2:50, 7:50.

Central Contra Costa

Renaissance Orinda Theatre

4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
Down with Love (PG-13) 12, 2, 4:30, 7, 9.
Finding Nemo (G) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:20.
The Matrix Reloaded (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:15.

Renaissance Park Theatre

3519 Golden Gate Way., Lafayette 925-283-7997
Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:20.

Rheem Theatre

350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411
Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 4:40, 7:20, 9:40.
Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 4:50, 7:30, 9:45.
The Italian Job (PG-13) 4:30, 7:10, 9:30.
The Matrix Reloaded (R) 4:15, 7, 9:35.

West Contra Costa

Century 16 Hilltop

3200 Klose Way., Richmond 510-758-2345
Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 11:20, 11:50, 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 2:20, 2:50, 3:20, 3:50, 4:20, 4:50, 5:20, 5:50, 6:20, 6:55, 7:25, 7:55, 8:25, 8:55, 9:30, 10, 10:30.
Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 11:25, 12:35, 1:45, 2:55, 4:15, 5:20, 6:40, 7:50, 9:20, 10:20.
Daddy Day Care (PG) 12:25, 2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 9:50.
Finding Nemo (G) 11:30, 12, 12:30, 1:20, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:50, 4:40, 5, 5:30, 6:20, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:50, 9:30, 10:30.
The Italian Job (PG-13) 11:45, 1:05, 2:25, 3:40, 5, 6:15, 7:40, 9, 10:15.
The Matrix Reloaded (R) 1, 4:10, 7:20, 10, 10:25.
Wrong Turn (R) 11:15, 1:15, 3:25, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05.

San Francisco

AMC Van Ness 14

1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262
Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 1:30, 2:30, 5:30, 6, 8, 8:30, 10:30, 11.
Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 1:15, 2:20, 4:50, 5:50, 7:20, 8:20, 9:50, 10:50.
Down with Love (PG-13) 2:05, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15.
Finding Nemo (G) 1, 1:45, 3:45, 4:30, 6:30, 7:15, 9:15, 9:55.
Identity (R) 12:55, 3:10, 5:25, 7:35, 10.
The Italian Job (PG-13) 2:15, 4:55,

7:45, 10:25.
The Matrix Reloaded (R) 12:40, 1:10, 3:50, 4:20, 7, 7:30, 10:10, 10:40.
Wrong Turn (R) 1:05, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:45.
X2 (PG-13) 12:45, 3:40, 7:10, 10:20.

AMC Kabuki 8

1881 Post St., San Francisco 415-931-0800
Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 2, 4:55, 7:35, 10:15.
Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 1:30, 4:35, 7:15, 9:40.
Down with Love (PG-13) 1:50, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05.
Finding Nemo (G) 1:40, 4:25, 7:05, 9:50.
The In-Laws (PG-13) 1:10, 4:05, 6:35, 9:15.

The Italian Job

(PG-13) 2:10, 5:05, 7:45, 10:15.
Wrong Turn (R) 1:20, 4:15, 6:45, 9:30.
X2 (PG-13) 1, 3:55, 6:55, 9:55.

Bridge Theatre

3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415-751-3213
Together (2003) (PG) 1:30, 4:10, 7, 9:40.

Castro Theatre

429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-8120
Dracula: Pages from a Virgin's Diary (Not Rated) 1, 3, 5, 7, 9.

Clay Theatre

2281 Filmore St., San Francisco 415-346-1124
Winged Migration (G) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.

Embarcadero Center Cinemas

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-352-0835
Bend It Like Beckham (PG-13) 1:30, 4:40, 7:10, 10.
L'Auberge Espagnole (R) 1, 4, 7, 9:45.
A Mighty Wind (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 4:50, 7:40, 9:50.
Spellbound (G) 12:20, 2:45, 5:05, 7:20, 9:40.
Sweet Sixteen (R) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10:10.

Lumiere Theatre

1572 California St., San Francisco 415-885-3201
Cremaster 1 & 2 (Not Rated) 7, 9:45.
The Man On The Train (R) 6:45, 9:15.
Wattstax (R) 7:30, 10.

Opera Plaza Cinema

601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-771-0183
Decade Under the Influence (R) 1:30, 4, 7, 9:30.
Nowhere in Africa (Not Rated) 2, 5, 8.
Raising Victor Vargas (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45.
The Sea (Not Rated) 1:45, 6:45.
The Trip (2002) (Not Rated) 4:15, 9:20.

The Red Vic Theatre

1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-688-3994
Gangs of New York (R) 8.

The Roxie Theatre

3117 18th St., San Francisco 415-863-1087
Wisegirls (Not Rated) 2, 4, 6, 8, 10.

Loews Theatres Metreon


101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-369-6201
Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 10:40, 12, 1, 1:40, 3, 4, 4:50, 6:10, 7:10, 8, 9:20, 9:50, 10:20, 11:10, 12:30, 12:50.
Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 10:50, 11:50, 1:30, 2:40, 4:30, 5:40, 7:40, 8:40, 10:40, 11:40.
Down with Love (PG-13) 3:20, 10.
Finding Nemo (G) 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:20, 2:30, 3:30, 4:10, 5:30, 6:30, 7, 8:30, 9:35, 11:30, 12:20.
The Italian Job (PG-13) 10:35, 11:40, 1:10, 2:10, 4:20, 5:20, 7:20, 8:20, 10:30, 11:20.
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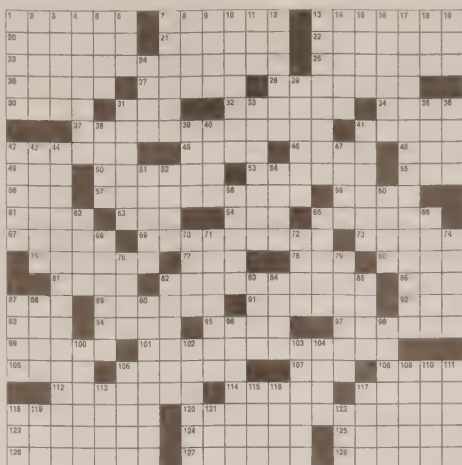
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Kotaja, June 7, 9:30 p.m. Dance lessons with Comfort Mensah at 9 p.m. \$13.

NC Blues Connection, June 11, 9 p.m. Swing dance lessons with Nick and Shanna at 8 p.m. \$9.

Jesse Lege with Sauce Piquante, June 12, 8:30 p.m. Cajun dance lessons with Cheryl McBride at 8 p.m. \$11. 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley. 510-525-0555 or www.ashkenaz.com.

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Section D

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on the Road

seat belts
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SAFETY MATTERS
Your seat belt is the
way to reduce your risk
of being killed in a crash.
More than 10,000
people die each year, according to gov-
ernment figures.
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job of keeping you than others,
a recent study by the
Department of Transportation's
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ministration found that seat belts that are more ef-
fective than others, according to the study, are
those that use pretensioners and
load limiters. When the preten-
sioners pull safety belts
tightly, they remove excess slack and
help keep a person from
being ejected from the vehicle
in a crash. Load limiters, which
reduce the risk of injury, are
designed to yield slightly, re-
ducing the force to the chest.
In a 2002, approximately
84 percent of new vehicles
equipped with seat belts and 84 percent
of new vehicles equipped with seat belts, according to

the study, were found only in
vehicles equipped with pretensioners and
load limiters. The automakers are in-
creasingly using them as well. The

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MOTOR MAT

MERCEDES-BENZ put a lot of technologically advanced safety features in the 2003 S500 sedan, and improved the appearance with new fascia, headlights and taillights.

S500 Mercedes-Benz features innovative safety devices

MOTOR MATTERS

When it comes to safety, Mercedes-Benz has a split-second jump on other manufacturers. Measured in milliseconds, this jump could be a lifesaver in a collision.

When the on-board computers on the 2003 S500 model sense that an unavoidable impact is to occur, electric seat belt tensioners are activated and the seats rise to the best possible position for a crash.

All this occurs even before the driver is able to react. Should the car go into a skid or slide, the sun-
roof automatically closes.

This sophisticated technology is part of a plan called Pre-Safe that is the beginning stage of Mercedes-Benz's safety development.

Last year, this manufacturer introduced on-board computers to analyze the driver's braking habits. When the sensor determines a panic stop is about to take place, the brakes are applied before the driver's foot hits the brake pedal, thus reducing the braking distance by 3 percent.

Another safety feature of the S500 is 4MATIC, a full-time all-wheel drive system that uses 60/40 torque

TOM KEANE

Keane on Wheels

split and requires no input from the driver.

Should the car lose traction on three wheels, 4MATIC can direct the power to the one wheel to keep the car moving — a great feature when road conditions are slippery, such as in snow.

4MATIC also allows the driver to easily shift upward or downward as

desired by simply nudging the shifter lever.

While I didn't get a chance to test any of these features, it was reassuring to know such devices were included in the \$87,415 package.

For emergency situations, the S500 also includes a Tele Aid emergency calling system that, if necessary, can call for help to be sent to the precise location of an accident by using the on-board GPS transponder.

Powered by a 5-liter, 302-horsepower V8 engine, acceleration is excellent, especially when consid-

ering this is a 4,390-pound vehicle.

The S-Class uses a fully independent suspension that has two springing and dampening systems. This makes the handling very easy, and the car is very firm when making turns, especially hard turns.

However, the ride is not as comfortable as that of other upscale, high-priced cars; some road bumps can be felt.

Nevertheless, squat braking and body roll is eliminated. The Airmatic Suspension keeps the car level re-

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Mitsubishi Endeavor SUV has car-like quality in a mid-size body

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Off Road

adds a new mid-size SUV to its lineup with the Endeavor. Introduced in an early '04 model, Endeavor is a car-based sport utility, with front-wheel drive and all-wheel drive available in several versions.

And trim, it has a clear, modern look. There is no low range transfer case, and undercarriage protection is provided by aluminum skid plates.

Endeavor is clearly pitched at the market to those who want a car-like SUV. It's off pavement, we can't wait to see it.

Endeavor is to be commended for its off-road ability. In the majority of buy-ers' guides, it's the AWD model that's the best, all the time.

Endeavor is a full-time, 50/50 front and rear wheel drive. It's a car-like SUV.

Endeavor takes the familiar, boxy SUV look and slants it into a more handsome one with some design cues. A split, slat grille is set between edge-

lights and wide cutouts for air intake. There is just a hint of a flare to the grille. The interest without getting too busy is the seven-spoke alloy wheels.

Endeavor's "utility" SUV look is a mix of both flexibility and comfort. It's a car-like SUV, with a leg room and leg room.

Endeavor's Touring Package on the front seats, leather-trimmed front seats, leather-

wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, heated side view mirrors and leather seating surfaces. Notable here are those hides — one of the better looking, better feeling sets of chairs that I've noticed in an SUV in some time — finished, in the case of my test utility, in a buckskin color.

Hop into the front seat and you face a fresh looking instrument cluster. Controls are mostly found on wheel-mounted stalks.

In both the mid- and high-line models, the center dash is dominated by what looks like an embedded sound box. In reality, it's the interface to the Infinity sound system and the HVAC controls. True to its looks, the Infinity system pumps out serious sound: 315 watts, channeled through seven speakers, with a six-disc CD changer and redundant controls mounted in the steering wheel.

Climate controls are accessed with big rheostats, found just below the sound system. Everything from the center dash to the instrument cluster is lit in an easy-on-the-eyes "Ice Blue." The center console is both large and versatile.

The top doubles as a padded inside arm rest. Lift the lid and you find a pair of 12-volt outlets, a storage box deep enough to swallow a major league purse or bag, a removable center tray, and a bevy of adjustable cup holders.

Storage space in back is generous and easy to access. The rear hatch is of a one-piece, swing up



MOTOR MATTERS

ENDEAVOR, Mitsubishi's new mid-size SUV built on a car chassis, gets good marks for its flexibility and styling.

design, with a low lift over. Cargo capacity ranges from large (40.7 cubic feet behind the rear seats) to extra large (76.4 cubic feet, with seats down). Quite usable, too, as the rear seats fold level, and the area is both wide and deep (enough room for plywood sheets to lay flat).

The Endeavor's engine is a 3.8-liter V6, coupled to a four-speed au-

tomatic transmission. The motor is rated at 215 horsepower at 5,000 rpm and 250 pound-foot at 3,750 rpm. This powertrain is a good match for the Endeavor as it is smooth and responsive.

Smooth, too, is Endeavor's road ride. The car-based chassis makes for a car-like ride, thanks to the soft-tuned, fully independent suspension. The ride is perhaps a little too

soft on rougher, off-road patches, but this is not likely to be a concern to most Endeavor buyers.

Three trim levels are offered: LS, XLS and top-line Limited. Prices range from \$25,597 for a 2WD base model to \$33,197 for a dressy, AWD Limited. Endeavor is the fourth SUV in Mitsubishi's lineup.

At opposite ends of the spectrum are the entry-level crossover

Outlander, and the top of the line Montero. Sharing the mid-size slot with Endeavor is the Montero Sport — a truck-based utility with more off-road leanings.

Of the lot, Endeavor may well be the Mitsubishi utility most popular with buyers. Right sized, with a well executed design, it deserves a spot on any short list of mid-size sport utilities.

Black centennial provides a look backwards and forwards

MOTOR MATTERS

Adams, recently named manager for Buick as well as GM, reminisced about his 100 years of his- tory. A glimpse into the past is provided by his tour guide to the eve of Buick's May anniversary and the opening of vintage Buicks at Buick's corporate head- quarters in Detroit.

With everyone's atten- tion on the centennial an- nual of Ford Motor Co., com- pany, the 100th birthday has been all but forgotten. Buick, an important mile- stone in automotive history, as

MICHELLE KREBS
She's Freewheeling

clearly illustrated by the exhibit.

GM, itself, would not exist had Buick not been established first. Scottish-born David Buick, a successful inventor and manufacturer in Detroit who became interested in gasoline engines in the late 1890s, founded Buick. He started a succession of companies, including Buick Motor Co., to produce engines for powerboats and farm use.

By early 1901, he had built a horseless carriage. Buick and his fi-

nancial backers sold the company to a group of wagon makers in Flint, Mich., 60 miles north of Detroit, and the company was moved. When the company ran into financial problems again, Flint carriage builder, William C. "Billy" Durant, stepped in.

By 1908, Buick claimed to lead the country in automobile production. On Buick's success, Durant created a holding company he called General Motors, eventually adding Oldsmobile, Cadillac and Oakland — forerunner to Pontiac — to the fold.

Durant ultimately lost control of GM to his bankers in 1910, but he went on to help Louis Chevrolet develop his company, which became

part of GM as well.

A step down from Cadillac, Buicks became known as the doctor's car. Along the way, Buick created some of America's most celebrated cars, including the post-World War II Roadmaster and the 1953 Skylark convertible. It also introduced famous styling cues, like porpoises.

In recent years, however, Buick lost its way. Its sales have dropped from a peak of 941,611 cars in 1984

to 432,017 cars and trucks in 2002, according to trade journal "Automotive News." Without intervention, Buick's future would be at risk as its owners are among the industry's oldest at an average age of 60 plus.

Until recently, Buick sold only four-door sedans in a market that favored minivans, sport utilities and trucks. In 2000, it introduced its first truck in 80 years, the Rendezvous sport utility. Rumors had even run rampant in recent years that GM

might eliminate its Buick division, as it is currently eliminating Oldsmobile.

Now GM is focusing attention on Buick, which it claims remains a profitable brand despite its problems. It is receiving the personal attention of Robert Lutz, GM's vice chairman of product development, who ripped up Buick's product plans made under the previous

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What does ASE certification really mean for auto mechanics and customers?

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lending exam in one of more test areas. They are: engine repair, automatic transmission-transaxle, manual transmission-transaxle, suspension-steering, brakes, electrical-electronics, heating-air conditioning, engine performance and advanced engine performance.

Obtaining all eight basic areas provides ASE Master Technician status. In some states the advanced engine performance certification is a smog license prerequisite.

ASE tests verify basic technical knowledge, service-repair skills and testing-diagnostic abilities. Of those taking the exams each spring and fall, approximately one-third fail.

The 420,000 currently certified ASE technicians must retake exams every five years to remain certified.

Does finding an ASE-certified technician guarantee repair success? It's certainly a step in the right direction.

There are some great technicians out there who don't care to be certified, and others who might be good at taking tests, and are certified, but are still a bit short on training or experience.

Obtaining certification shows a

technician has pride in his/her profession, has good to excellent problem-solving skills, and has expended effort and expense to be recognized for their abilities.

I'd like to see additional advanced-level ASE tests, and recognition when one obtains a greater number of years of experience — perhaps 10.

A repair shop's management style is just as important as the technicians they employ. Does the service consultant listen well? Does the shop aggressively push extra services, or make your original concern job one?

Does the consultant keep you informed and offer repair options? Does management place customer satisfaction as high on the list as work flow and profitability? Is the waiting-room wall filled with training and ASE certificates?

A referral by a satisfied friend or associate is often helpful in finding a great shop. Also, look for ASC (Automotive Service Council) membership and/or AAA approval.

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's 'automotive type' helps decide appropriate Father's Day gift

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heavier projects, such as replacing brake shoes, most dads enjoy taking care of their vehicles.

Automotive accessories, tools, parts and products make ideal Father's Day gifts.

"If Dad's a do-it-yourselfer, a gift certificate from the local auto parts store would be appropriate," said Rich White, executive director of the Car Care Council. "If he's a do-it-for-me, think about a gift certificate for an oil change or other service at his favorite repair shop."

Everyone loves a clean car, so offer to clean and polish Dad's vehicle yourself. Remember to use automotive washes and waxes, not dishwashing detergent from under the kitchen sink, White says. This can harm the vehicle's finish.

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" campaign, educating consumers about the benefits regular vehicle maintenance and repair. For more information visit www.car-carecouncil.org.

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MARYSVILLE — Sport utility vehicle and other four-wheel drive owners are invited to join the Sacramento Jeepers Four Wheel Drive Club on its fourth annual Henness Pass off-road adventure trip, July 12 and 13, which will take participants on the scenic and historic backcountry road from Marysville, Calif., to Virginia City, Nev.

"This off-highway vehicle trip is truly designed as an overnight outing for SUV and other four-wheel drive families seeking an educational and scenic drive through the Sierra Nevada," says Warner Anderson of Auburn, narrator and trail boss for the trip. "We will offer some mild four-wheeling and the opportunity to learn some interesting facts about California's Gold Rush era."

Anderson says the Henness Pass Road, constructed during the gold rush era, was one of the most heavily traveled routes in its day, but has virtually disappeared from most modern maps.

"We will take participants on this year's trip up a ridge between the north and middle forks of the Yuba River and proceed over the Sierra Nevada Mountains via the Henness Pass near Webber Lake," adds Anderson.

"It is believed that Patrick Henness designed the route through Jackson Meadows between 1849 and 1850. By 1852, this route was the most heavily used road, next to the Placerville Road and saw increased use again in 1859 when silver was discovered near Reno."

The trip will begin in Marysville on Saturday morning and there will be frequent stops as the group proceeds on to Jackson Meadows Reservoir. Camping spaces will be reserved at the lake for all participants and the Sacramento Jeepers club will provide their guests with a steak dinner with all the trimmings.

After breakfast on Sunday, the contingent will proceed down the eastern slope of the Sierras to Verdi, Nev., and continue on to Virginia City, the final stop on the trip.

Other interesting stops along the route will feature the Oregon Creek covered bridge, Sleighville House stage stop, Mountain House and the opportunity to view a working Pelton wheel near Bullards Bar Dam.

"This trip is particularly well-suited for families as we will not only

explore this forgotten road with its breathtaking scenery, but we will also visit weathered ghost towns, old mines and abandoned camps," says Anderson.

Cost for the trip is \$140 per adult, \$50 for children 7 through 14 years of age and free for children 6 and younger.

The cost includes all meals, one T-shirt and one dash plaque per adult and one T-shirt for each child ages 7 to 14. There are a limited number of vehicles that may attend this trip, so registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Since the trips calls for overnight camping, Anderson recommends all participants bring camping equipment including a tent, sleeping bags, air mattress, folding chairs, cooler, etc.

A citizens band (CB) radio is required for the narrated portion of various tour stops and any emergencies. Participants not owning a CB radio, may request a loaner in advance.

For more information on this year's Henness Pass Road adventure or to request a registration application, contact Kyle Wip at 916-966-8636 or e-mail him at kylew1972@yahoo.com. Information and registration forms are also available on the club's Web site: <http://home.off-road.com/~sacto-jeep/>.

Relive the past: Lassen-Applegate Emigrant Trail Ride

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUBS

SACRAMENTO — Imagine you and your family driving your sport utility vehicle over the same roads and trails traveled by more than 8,000 early pioneers in 1,500 covered wagons during the 1849 to 1852 gold rush period.

The California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs can make that dream come true as it has announced its ninth annual Lassen-Applegate Emigrant Trail Ride. The event will be held this year from Friday evening, July 18, through Monday, July 21, taking participants from Lovelock, Nev. to Surprise Valley, Calif., located near Cedarville in northern Modoc County.

"This is a 250-mile journey into yesterday and we have designed the trip especially for SUV and other four-wheel drive families," says Warner Anderson of Auburn, who serves as trail boss and narrator for the tour. "Whether you are a history buff, like myself, or just want to take

your family out into the backcountry and enjoy some beautiful scenery, we will have it all."

Anderson adds, "this trip follows the same route discovered by Peter Lassen in 1849. Anderson said an estimated one-third of the 1849 gold rush emigrants used this particular trail.

This year's trail ride participants will gather at the Ramada Inn in Lovelock for a wine and cheese get-together at 7:30 p.m. July 18. At that time, Anderson will provide his guests with an overview of the trip and each vehicle owner will receive a copy of a book entitled "Trails West."

After breakfast on Saturday, the group will begin its journey across the Humboldt River, past a pioneer graveyard, through Rabbit Hole Springs and camping that evening will be at Double Hot Springs.

Sunday's itinerary will include stops at the site where Peter Lassen was murdered, Soldier Meadow Ranch, High Rock Canyon and fi-

nally to Stevens Camp for the evening Stevens Camp, discovered by Capt. John Fremont during his exploration to the West, offers toilets, spring water and possible hot showers.

On Monday, the final day of the tour, the contingent will climb over the 49er Pass, where participants will have an opportunity to enjoy a panoramic view looking back east from atop a high mountain ridge.

"The emigrants wrote in their diaries such good descriptions of their journey that we can identify all of the key points of interest in the history of this route," Anderson says. "It is not a difficult trip, but there are a few places where four-wheel drive will be required or where our trail committee instructions must be followed."

Cost for the trip is \$250 per adult and \$125 for children age 11 and younger. The cost includes all meals from breakfast on Saturday through lunch on Monday. In addition to bringing their own tent and sleep-

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the traditionalists is to be patient, some enhancements are coming to make them happy."

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Ford and Harley-Davidson combine for new F-Series pickup truck design

Ford Motor Company and Harley-Davidson Motor Company have unveiled the 2004 Ford Harley-Davidson F-Series pickup truck based on the Ford's Super Duty pickup.

The new truck is scheduled to make its world premier during Ford's 100th anniversary celebration in Dearborn, Mich., June 22 to 26. Both Ford and Harley-Davidson are celebrating their 100th anniversaries this year.

Hot and salty

When planning a summer getaway, don't forget that climate and road conditions affect a vehicle's operation.

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FORD'S new Harley-Davidson F-Series pickup is based on the Super Duty model.

Grand Prix

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While styling isn't a priority, performance is. Sears said Pontiac is continuing to work on ways to increase power not only in the machine arriving in showrooms this year, but also in the years after that.

Perhaps supercharging?

"We're going to keep it naturally aspirated," he replied. "We're not ruling out long-term enhancements so the GTO delivers even more fun, but we're not talking about them either," he said.

And the next-generation GTO?

"That's a ways out — but not that far out," he said.

Centennial

FROM PAGE D3

administration and sent designers back to the drawing board. He demanded, for instance, a re-design of the already re-designed mid-size Regal for 2005. Beyond the Regal, Buick has a number of new products headed to its showrooms.

These new products include the Rainier sport utility which Buick will introduce this fall. The five-passenger Rainier will be the only one of GM's mid-size sport utilities, among which is the Chevrolet TrailBlazer, to be outfitted with Buick's 5.3-liter V8 engine.

Another product being re-designed is the Rendezvous, a minivan-based sport-utility with an available third-row seat that is attracting new buyers to Buick and to GM. It will come in an Ultra version for 2004 with a larger V6 engine and a freshened appearance.

In addition, the full-size LeSabre will receive a facelift in 2005. Finally, Buick will sell a GM minivan that will be positioned more as a crossover, in 2006.

Another crossover vehicle, similar to the Centieme (so named for Buick's centennial) concept car that Buick is displaying at auto shows this year, is likely. Other models, such as an open-air car and a new V8-powered flagship sedan — which may or may not be called the Park Avenue — are under consideration.

As he guided us through Buick's historic exhibit, Adams said Buick would try to bring back those things from the past for which Buick was famous: power, American style and premium appointments.

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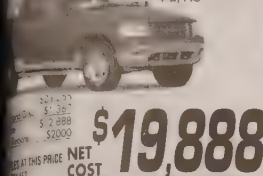
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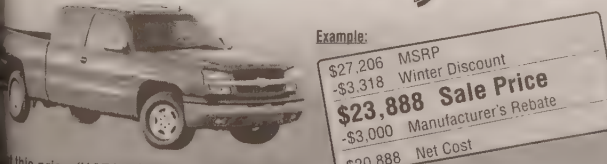
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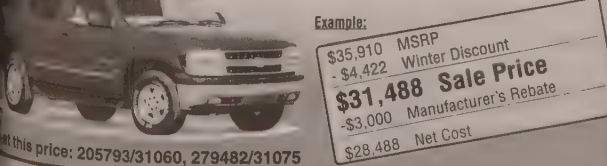
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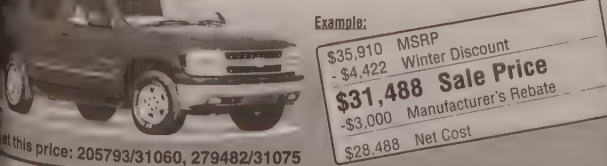
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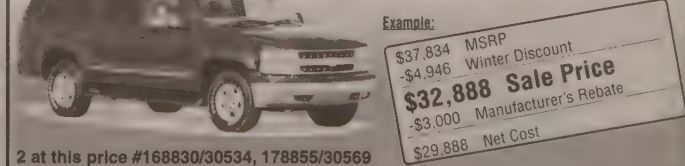
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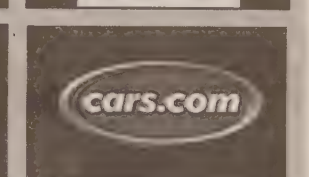
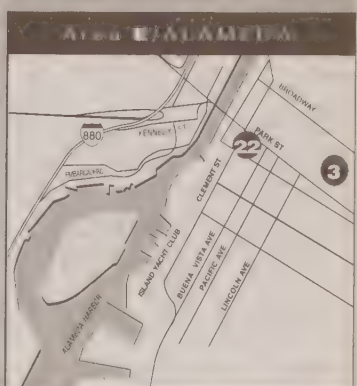
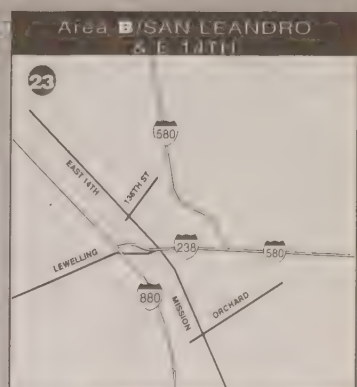
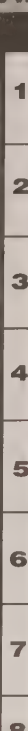
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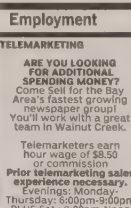
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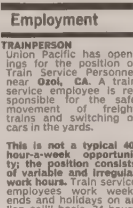
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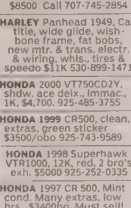
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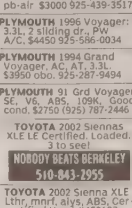
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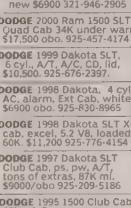
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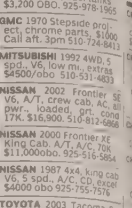
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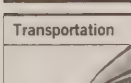
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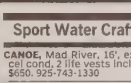
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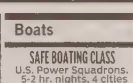
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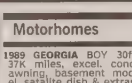
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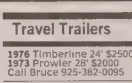
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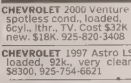
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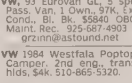
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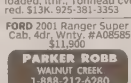
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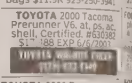
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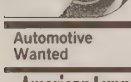
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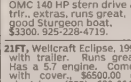
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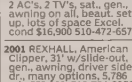
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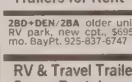
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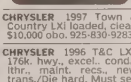
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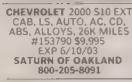
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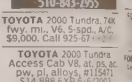
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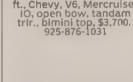
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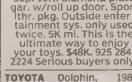
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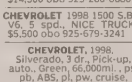
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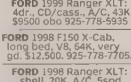
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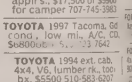
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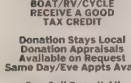
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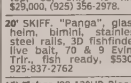
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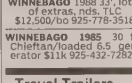
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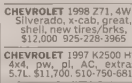
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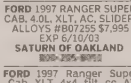
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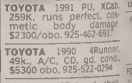
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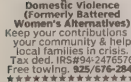
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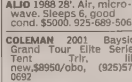
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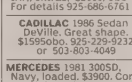
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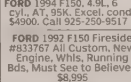
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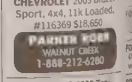
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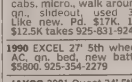
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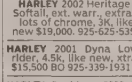
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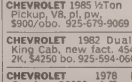
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Friday, June 6, 2003

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BY JANE SNOW

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It is our clone of the Italian-flavored Classic variety of the boxed salad. The homemade salad is prepared by tossing a jar of marinated olive and artichoke salad with pasta, pine nuts, Parmesan cheese and a diced tomato. Chopped fresh parsley is added for color and to mimic the look of the dried parsley in the commercial salad.

Marinated artichoke salad is sold in 12-ounce jars in grocery stores. Any brand will do. The one we bought contained olives and strips of roasted red peppers. If you can't find artichoke salad, look for an olive salad in an oil-based marinade.

If one salad is good, four are even better, we figured. So we created three more quick pasta salads that beat the pants off the boxed versions. Our lineup:

Moroccan Orzo Salad: Ricelike orzo pasta is mixed with garbanzo beans, raisins, sliced almonds and roasted red pepper.

The colorful salad is dressed with olive oil and lemon juice and spiced with cinnamon, cardamom and mace. The warm-flavored spices give the salad a slightly exotic Moroccan flavor, but don't overpower the lemon and olive oil. The raisins provide a touch of sweetness. This was my favorite salad.

Pasta Salad Carbonara: The classic hot pasta dish of pancetta, egg yolks and cheese gets the cold treatment here. We substitute cooked bacon (the already-cooked variety) for the pancetta and hard-boiled eggs for the egg yolks. The creamy dressing is made by thinning sour cream with milk. Freshly grated Parmesan, salt and freshly ground pepper are the final touches. The salad must be warmed to cool room temperature before serving, or the dressing will be thicker than desired.

This salad was the favorite of the two male taste testers.

Asian Pasta Salad: Long, curly fusilli pasta, which looks like spaghetti with a perm, is the perfect foil for the Chinese flavors of our Asian salad. The noodles curl around chunks of cucumber, silv-ered snow peas, shredded carrots and sliced green onions. All is bathed in a dressing of sesame oil, vinegar, soy sauce and ginger.

Leslianne Love, a University of Akron culinary student who helped prepare the salads, liked this one best.

Any of the four salads would be a good accompaniment to a burger this summer. The Asian salad would also go nicely with grilled fish, and the carbonara salad would partner well with a steak.

Do yourself a favor and tell your friends and relatives you'll bring the salad. Your new culinary skills may scare them, but the salad won't.

QUICK ITALIAN PASTA SALAD
½ pound bow-tie pasta
1 jar (about 12 ounces) marinated artichoke, pepper or olive salad

2 tablespoons pine nuts
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 diced tomato
Salt, pepper
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
Cook pasta in boiling, salted water according to package directions until tender but not mushy. Drain and rinse under cold, running water. Drain well.

While pasta cooks, combine artichoke salad, pine nuts, cheese and tomato in a serving bowl. Stir in drained pasta. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Stir in parsley. Chill for at least 1 hour for better flavor.

Makes 6 servings.

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THREE HOMEMADE PASTA SALADS: front to back, Quick Italian Pasta Salad, Asian Pasta Salad and Moroccan Orzo Salad.

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Disasters on the Lawn: Yard sale mistakes that can cost you dearly

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Americans love yard sales. There's something warm and friendly about giving neighbor and stranger alike the opportunity to find something useful among stuff you no longer need.

That's the good side of yard sales.

The down side, according to author Tony Hyman, is that "every time you sell something, you're gambling. All too often you're losing money and don't know it."

You might have sold grandma's 2.5 carat diamond ring for a quarter like a Western N.Y. yard-saler, or given away a \$52,000 photo in a "\$5 frame," like another.

Most people don't take losses that dramatic, says Hyman, author of 16 books on collecting, but professional yard sale shoppers claim one home in four sells something for pennies that could just as easily bring in hundreds of dollars.

Each weekend, professional shoppers focus in on 50 or so categories with values much higher than folks realize. They look for:

- Costume jewelry including rhinestone, Bakelite(c), Victorian, and designer which sells for thousands of dollars today;
- Banana seat bicycles from the 1970s bring \$500+ and can be sold with one phone call;
- Perfume bottles often bring hundreds, and every so often tens of thousands, of dollars;
- Fishing lures have sold for \$9,000 each;
- Fountain pens have sold for \$20,000+;
- Machine-made marbles can

bring hundreds of dollars each;

- Baseball gloves, 1940 to 1970, can be \$2,000;
- Signed pottery is frequently worth hundreds, sometimes thousands;
- Cigarette lighters, especially Zippo, Ronson and Dunhill can

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Tony Hyman, author

bring hundreds of dollars;

- Cast iron frying pans, muffin tins and roasters can put up to \$1,500 in your pocket.

Collectors, dealers, authors and experts in more than 100 fields worked with Dr. Hyman to create his long-running "What's it Worth?" segments for the CBS-TV Saturday Early Show. From typewriters to old newspapers, Hyman showed viewers items they should never sell without advice.

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Don't think disasters can't happen to you, Hyman warns. A New England family sold a black vase painted with daisies at their yard sale for \$100 because they "knew it was good."

The man who bought their vase contacted Riley Humler of the Cincinnati Art Gallery (p. 55) who helped him sell the vase for \$51,700. That same Gallery sale turned a \$130 pair of yard sale vases into \$39,000 for another alert yard sale shopper.

Create a hanging garden

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You may not need a lot of earth to make your garden grow — just something to hang your plants on. Urban planters, people gardening in confined spaces and homeowners looking for something different have given a green thumbs-up to hanging gardens.

Hanging gardeners can use kits

to grow virtually anything from tomatoes to flowers, almost anywhere. For example:

Hanging strawberry kit: Kit includes 10 strawberry plants, a poly bag with holes to plant them in and a nylon rope for hanging.

Planting instructions are also included.

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Pasta

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MOROCCAN ORZO SALAD

- ½ pound orzo (rice-shaped pasta)
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1/8 teaspoon ground mace
- ½ cup raisins
- ¼ cup sliced almonds
- 2 tablespoons chopped roasted or raw red sweet pepper
- ¼ cup diced sweet onion
- ¼ cup canned, drained garbanzo beans
- Salt to taste
- Cook orzo in boiling, salted water according to package directions. Drain, rinse with cold water and drain well.

While pasta cooks, combine olive oil, lemon juice and spices in a serving bowl; whisk well. Stir in remaining ingredients. Stir in

drained pasta.
Makes 6 servings.

PASTA SALAD CARBONARA

- 4 eggs
- Three-fourths pound ziti or penne pasta
- 1 package (2.1 ounces) fully cooked bacon
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- ¼ cup milk (or more)
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- Sea salt, freshly ground pepper
- Gently place eggs in a large pasta pot filled with lukewarm water. Place the pot over high heat. Bring to a boil and add pasta.
- After 10 minutes, remove eggs with a slotted spoon and place in cold water. Continue cooking pasta until tender but not mushy. Drain, rinse with cold water and drain. Peel eggs when cool. Chop into cubes.
- While eggs and pasta cook,

crisp bacon in a microwave oven according to package directions. Cut into ½-inch pieces.

Meanwhile, heat oil in a small skillet. Sauté garlic over medium heat just until softened. In a small bowl, beat sour cream with enough milk to thin to the consistency of thick cream.

Place pasta in a bowl. Stir in garlic and oil. Stir in sour cream dressing and Parmesan cheese. Fold in chopped eggs and bacon.

Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve immediately or chill. Bring to room temperature and stir well before serving.

Makes 6 servings.

ASIAN PASTA SALAD

½ pound fusilli pasta

- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- ¼ cup vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon powdered ginger
- ½ cup diced cucumber
- 3 ounces (1 big handful) snow peas
- ½ cup bagged, shredded carrots
- 2 green onions, sliced, including tops
- 2 tablespoons sunflower seeds
- Salt

Cook pasta in boiling, salted water according to package directions. Drain, rinse with cold water and drain very well.

Meanwhile, in a serving bowl whisk together the sesame oil, vinegar, sugar, soy sauce and pow-

dered ginger.

Peel and dice cucumber. Wash snow peas, remove stems and stack five together. Cut on an angle into two halves. Stack and cut remaining snow peas. Measure car-

rots, slice onions and flower seeds. Stir pasta into dressing to coat every remaining ingredient. Makes 6 servings.

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We enjoyed all of the ice creams, particularly strawberry cheesecake and cafe mocha frappe, though many tasters decided they still preferred the company's single flavors, which showcase the brand's superpremium ice cream. Each pint costs \$3.70 to \$3.80 at select grocery stores.

Starting points for raising a grandchild

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One of the joys of being older is the opportunity to enjoy "parenting life" — that is, relishing all the joy, excitement and fun of being a parent with relatively little of the everyday work of being mom or dad.

However, thousands of seniors each year are forced to upgrade their role to full-time parenting when their adult children can no longer care for the grandchildren. The proof is in the numbers:

Nearly 6.3 percent of U.S. children under 18 live in grandparent-headed households according to the 2000 U.S. Census. About one-third of these children have no parent present in this home.

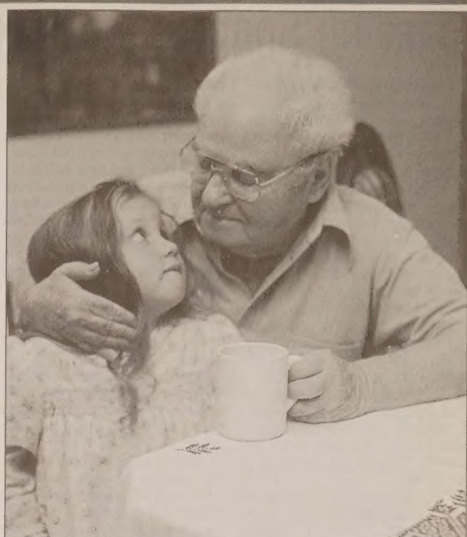
Faced with the task, where do you begin? You likely have many questions, as no one can plan in advance for death, illness, incarceration or any event that has you being given custody.

The first thing to decide is what will be the legal status of the children. Will you adopt them, care for them as their legal guardian or put them in foster care as wards of the state?

Don't try to answer these questions yourself. Instead, look to local bar associations, legal aid societies, adoption agencies or mediation services for help in making your decision and reaching an agreement on what will work best for you and your grandchildren.

From clothing and food to school supplies and, of course, toys, caring for children can be an expensive prospect.

For financial help, contact the local Social Security Administration office for information about Supplemental Security Income, lo-



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MOVING FROM GRANDPARENT to parent can seem scary, but help is available to ease the transition for both you and your grandchild.

cal department of family services and religious or charitable groups. Be sure to find out if your state offers subsidies for grandparent caregivers.

Adequate health insurance is of vital importance for the both of you. There are many options available ranging from private health plans to state insurance programs. Contact your insurance carrier to see if your grandchildren can be a dependent on your policy.

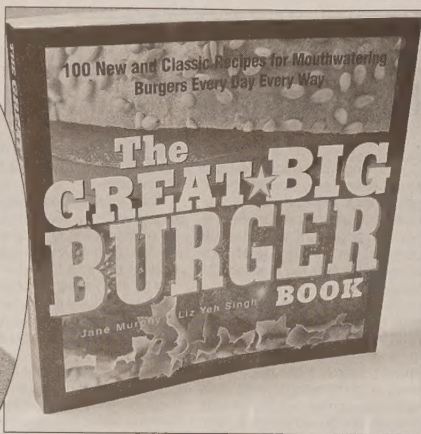
Your local or state office of health or family services may also be able to provide information about low-cost or free programs that can help you out.

All of this change can prove traumatic for you and your grandchild. You are both likely to be dealing with a range of emotions including grief, depression and anger.

Don't hesitate to seek support from a therapist, social worker, doctor or grandparent support group.

Just remember that you are not alone. There are people out there who can help grandparents like you who are raising their grandchildren.

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'Trading Spaces' for the younger set

BY KATHY BOCCELLA
KNIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS

PHILADELPHIA — When 11-year-old Abby Rivelli saw a flyer about a new version of her favorite show, "Trading Spaces," in which boys and girls decorate each other's bedrooms, she knew she had to be on it. The only problem was that her bedroom had recently been redecorated in yellow and blue with a Laura Ashley bed set on the white wicker furniture.

Her friend, Danielle Piazza, on the other hand, "needed her room to be redone," Abby said sympathetically. "It hadn't been done since I was 6," 11-year-old Danielle piped in.

Which is why on Saturday, these two girls and two boys were redecorating each other's bedrooms for a new spin on the popular home-decorating show, "Trading Spaces: Boys vs. Girls."

For the third show in the series, which debuts May 17 on Discovery Kids on NBC, Danielle and Garrett Graf, classmates who live around the corner from each other in a leafy, upscale neighborhood in Lansdale, Pa., worked with friends Abby and Matthew May to transform ordinary bedrooms into movie-set versions of their wildest fantasies. Their segment will air June 14.

Their parents, meanwhile, sat idly by, watching as 21-person crews took over their houses to mastermind the redos. Black plastic was taped over the bedroom windows to prevent spying, while workers unloaded equipment, creating a spectacle attracting curious kids.

If this show is anything like the original cut hit, in which neighbors swap homes for 48 hours and redo rooms with the help of a decorator, a carpenter and a \$1,000 budget, it will be a big success. Both shows are from Philadelphia-based Banyan Productions.

Here's how the spin-off works: Just as in "Trading Spaces," two families trade homes for the weekend. But the twist here is that a boy and a girl, each aided by a friend, get to redesign each other's bedrooms based on a "theme" supplied by the

bedroom's occupant.

Unlike the adult version, there is no budget, which leads to rooms that tend to be more "over the top," said one of two designers, Scott Sicari.

"We don't discuss a budget because kids don't care about a budget," said executive producer Karen Stein, admitting that the rooms cost upwards of \$5,000. "That's why we do them. We just try to make the kids happy. It's basically a gift for the kids."

And, boy, are they happy. What 10-year-old Sixers fan wouldn't be ecstatic if his room was transformed into a real basketball court?

"It's going to be the best room in the house," said Garrett, a genial fifth grader who has no trouble keeping his room neat, according to his mom, Carol.

Of course, Garrett didn't know he was getting a basketball-court bedroom, complete with a foldaway bed so he can shoot hoops in his room, bleachers, and jerseys of his favorite players, Allen Iverson and Eric Snow, hanging on the wall.

Though the two kids can suggest themes for their rooms, they don't know what the finished product is going to look like. Garrett got to work with designer Sicari to come up with Danielle's rain-forest room, while Danielle and designer Jordan Ruderman hatched the B-ball design.

"It's more exciting to do his room," Danielle said during a lunch break. As for her own room, she was too nervous to think about it, but was sure "anything will be better than what I have now."

Will it ever! Because Danielle likes animals, Garrett and Sicari cooked up the rain-forest theme, featuring a platform bed that looks like a tree stump, a waterfall, foliage that hangs from floor-to-ceiling bamboo, mechanical screeching apes, and a parrot that repeats what is said to it.

"Adults sometimes are scared to be too imaginative," said Sicari, a set designer for music videos, commercials and TV. "But kids will go for it. I tell them, 'Have no fear.'"

That philosophy carried over to the carpentry area set up in the Pi-

azzas' driveway. Part of the fun is that kids help, so Garrett and Matthew got to use a jigsaw and hole saw (after a nervous producer reminded them to wear safety goggles) to build Danielle's platform bed.

The girls, meanwhile, were busy ripping up a tan carpet in Garrett's room aided by Ruderman and carpenter Gineia Licata, a job requiring several takes.

"These two are genius designers," gushed Ruderman, who dressed in a red 76ers dress. "Today, they brought me a drawing of what they want and we're doing it, per Abby and Danielle's design."

Of course, the kids don't actually do the designs, or much of the work, either. They discuss the themes weeks ahead with the designers, who get a floor plan and measurements for the rooms they are to transform.

As for the actual work, well, they may slap on some paint or hold a jigsaw, but the kids mostly get to be part of the show and look cute.

"It's really fun," Danielle said. "And when the kids are happy, the parents are happy sort of. Both mothers confessed to a frenzy of cleaning the week before the crews arrived. The dads mostly hung around, looking perplexed at all the activity."

"We're in the dark," Carl Piazza said from the sidewalk as workers trudged in and out of the Graf home. "We'd like to help out, but we're not allowed. All you can do is watch. It's all about the kids."

After two frantic days of work, the kids would get to see the finished masterpieces during the show's climax.

Though some participants have been known to burst into tears, there was little doubt Garrett and Danielle would be anything but delighted.

And if they weren't, too bad.

"Whatever happens to your room," Carol Graf told her son, "this is it till you move out."

To be considered for "Trading Spaces: Boys vs. Girls," call Banyan Productions at 215-928-1414, ext. 7092 or 7050.



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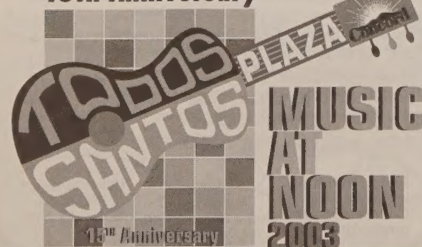
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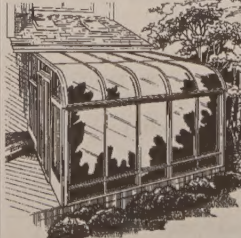
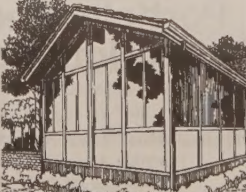
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Sweet strawberry is all right. But it's even sweeter to grow it yourself.

For fun to go pick strawberry for breakfast in the city, says Jennifer Brennan, information specialist at Nursery & Garden Shops.

Right, you don't need a sunny deck, a patio, you can have the space no matter how

you plan, plant and tend them. Those containers can be as well, dressing up space no matter how

those who have lots of space, containers have advantages. Herbs right outside your door, and you can duck them while you're

grow lettuce in containers. You can get it up off the ground. Rabbits can't get at it. Clifton, horticultural at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Ill. "So you can get a harvest."

Priority for growing vegetables in containers is where your pot will get sun. Though some early lettuce, chard, peas and beans and violas need large vegetable crops, beans, squash, eggplant at least eight hours a day.

Choose a pot. Make sure it drains. Some swear by plastic, but plastic has its problems in moisture and it's light.

A good thing if you're going to move it, but not so a rooftop or windy balcony solution? Use a bigger pot. Let it dry out.

When planting something in a pot, the wind will just carry it right off the roof," says C. Wolford, urban gardener at the University Extension.

Pots also hold onto moisture and are essential for plants such as tomatoes and beans. Clifton suggests that the container be at least half the size of the mature plant. So if the tomato transplant will be 3 feet high, you need at least a 6-foot-wide pot.

Clifton also applies: Plants that are sized for containers today are bred to impact in containers. Smaller or smaller sauce work better than big slices such as "Big Boy." Always determine varieties — those that will grow in size and then stop.

For compact bush varieties, cucumbers or squash, like patty-pan squash. But compact varieties, plant in one major vegetable pot.

For vining plant, such as tomatoes, peas or squash, provide a tomato cage or bamboo poles for

them. Without, of course, you plant to sprawl. Clifton planting the small-fruited

tomato "Tumbler" in a hanging basket and letting it cascade over the sides. And if your container is large enough, you can combine a tall vegetable with a cascading vegetable, such as beans, or with herbs such as thyme, oregano or basil.

Just make sure that you choose smaller varieties of herbs that won't swamp the pot.

Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh, who grows herbs in Elmhurst for The Backyard Patch, a mail-order herbal tea and gift business, likes to plant tall bronze fennel in the middle of a mixed pot of herbs. It anchors the composition much the way dracaena spikes often are used in pots of annuals, she says.

Some early crops such as radishes, lettuce and peas can be started from seed in a pot, the soil of which will warm up faster in spring than will garden soil. But for hot-season vegetables, it's best to start with high-quality transplants, Clifton says.

As for soil, the most important thing is good drainage. Veteran container gardeners use their own mixes of compost, peat moss, sand and other ingredients, but Wolford suggests commercially packaged soilless potting mix, which is sterile and has excellent drainage.

Whatever soil you use, you'll need to fertilize because you're going to water a lot and that washes away nutrients.

Wolford suggests mixing a slow-release fertilizer, such as Osmocote, into the soil, and watering new transplants with a starter fertilizer high in root-building phosphorus (the middle number, such as 5-30-0). If you don't use a slow-release fertilizer, use a balanced fertilizer (such as 5-5-5 or 10-10-10) at regular intervals all season. Or use it half-strength every time you water, Brennan says.

Lautanen-Raleigh steepens compost in water for compost tea.

The final essential ingredient to successful edible containers is watering. Soil in containers dries out faster than garden soil. In the hottest part of the summer, when temperatures top 90 degrees, you may need to water containers twice a day or more, Brennan says.

Most herbs can stand drier soil, but if vegetable plants are stressed by drying out just once they will not fruit, she says.

Rooftops and balconies, exposed to hot drying wind, are especially tough on container gardens, Wolford says. On rooftops, reflected heat can raise the temperature of pots well above that of hot summer air, he says. "You have

to watch and water," Wolford says. Combine that with the pinching back needed to keep plants within bounds, and "containers can be high-maintenance," he says.

Through the season

Try planting a succession of crops in your edible container garden through the growing season.

Late March or early April: Sow seeds for lettuce or mesclun, sugar snap peas, radishes or baby carrots according to package directions in soilless potting mix in a large container, at least 18 inches in diameter. (If you plant peas, give them something to climb on.) Water gently, keeping soil evenly moist at all times. Place the pot in a sunny spot. Be prepared to cover it if forecasters predict temperatures will fall into the low 20s. As seedlings come up, thin the lettuce and add the tiny leaves to salads.

Mid- to late April: Pull up a few lettuce plants (salad again), and add pansies or violas in the resulting gaps. Now, when you harvest the lettuce, cut one leaf at a time so you don't create more gaps. Harvest peas, radishes or carrots as they mature. Keep the pansies or violas deadheaded to encourage flowering, and use their blooms in salads or as garnishes.

End of May or first week in June: As weather heats up, lettuce will start to bolt and turn bitter. Harvest the last of the lettuce, or pull up the other spring crops, and add a patio tomato plant, or bush bean, eggplant or pepper plant. Don't forget to stake when you plant. Leave a few violas and pansies in place, but expect their flowering to fall off in hot weather. Or, plant some herbs around the vegetable plant, such as thyme, dwarf basil or oregano. Look for decorative basil varieties with frilly or burgundy leaves.

Late August: Sow some more lettuce seed or another crop of peas in the shade of the vegetable plant.

Late September or early October: Harvest the last of the summer vegetables (or herbs) before the first frost. Remove the vegetable plant and add more pansies or an ornamental kale plant for fall color. The kale is edible. Harvest lettuce or peas until killed by frost.

Winter: If the pot is frostproof, empty it and use it for a display of cut evergreens and ornamental berries. Otherwise, store it indoors.

Read up on this gardening specialty

■ "The Container Gardening Encyclopedia," Thunder Bay Press,

348 pages, \$19.98

This reprint of a British book is wide-ranging and accessible, with many excellent step-by-step photos of techniques for both pots and plants. There are clever instructions for decorating store-bought containers to make them look well-aged, as well as instructions for making a planter of hypertufa, or concrete mixed with peat moss. Planting and care information is well-organized and detailed. One caveat: Written for Brits, the book assumes much milder winters than we have in Chicago.

■ "The Complete Container Garden," David Joyce, Reader's Digest Association, 215 pages, \$19.95

An informative and attractive book, with nicely presented basic information, including suggested planting plans. Its best feature is the organization of plant profiles by their characteristics (blue flowers, purple foliage, subtle grays). Another British book, light on advice for winter protection.

■ "The Potted Garden: New Plants and Approaches for Container Gardens," Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 111 pages, \$9.95

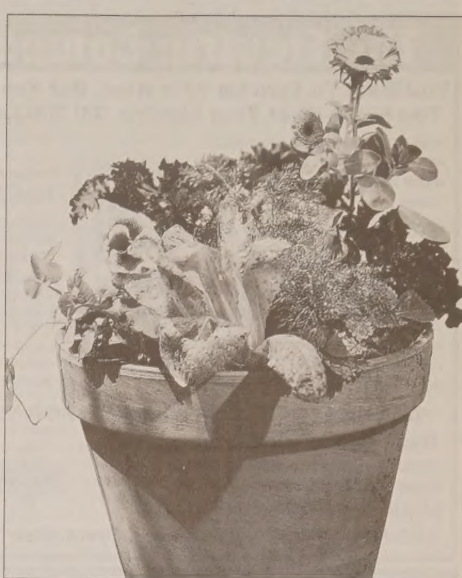
For concise, crisp, solid advice on many gardening topics, it's hard to beat the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's little 21st-Century Gardening Series handbooks. This one is no exception. In a small space, it packs a lot of information on outdoor container gardens — from container choice to water gardens to overwintering.

■ "The Bountiful Container," Rose Marie Nichols and Maggie Stuckey, Workman Publishing, 432 pages, \$16.95

The emphasis here is on growing food plants in containers. The style is chatty and the information is ample and clear. There are individual articles on growing and using vegetables, fruits and herbs, with a few recipes sprinkled in for seasoning.

■ "Lasagna Gardening for Small Spaces," Patricia Lanza, Rodale Press, 288 pages, \$15.95

In 1998, Lanza wrote a hugely



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POT MARIGOLD AND PANSIES, both edible flowers, are mixed with bronze fennel, loose-leaf lettuce "Red Sails," loose leaf lettuce "Freckles," peas and a strawberry plant in this edible container garden planted by Nancy Clifton of the Chicago Botanic Garden.

successful book called "Lasagna Gardening" (Rodale Press, 244 pages, \$15.95) that explained how to raise plants in a layered compost pile for extra fertility and scant weeding. Now she adapts the technique to small spaces, including containers and small garden beds.

■ "Container Gardening for All Seasons," Reader's Digest Association, 320 pages, \$29.95

The strength of this book is inspiration, in many lush photos of beautiful containers beautifully planted, often arrayed in to-die-for terraces or roof gardens. There's a strong emphasis on design. There's lots of good information, too,

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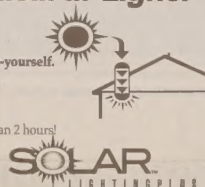
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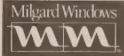
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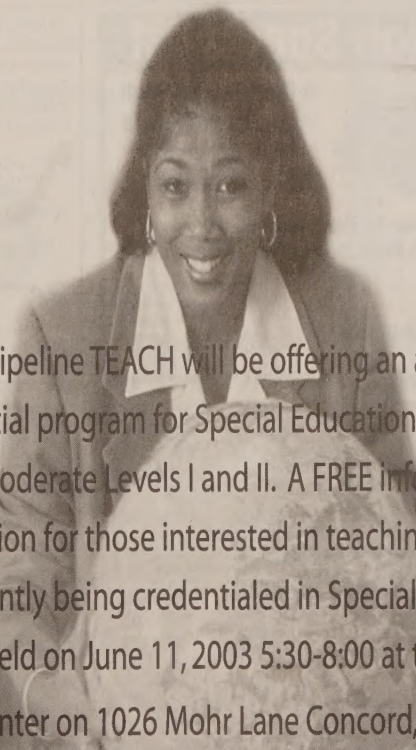
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